



The Best Belong Together

EIGHTY SIX

Patriot

Michelle
you've
been a
great friend
Call me over the
summer! Love ya!
Out to 894-851

Michelle
It's been
nice knowing
ya.
Amy Jolley
A

bull →

Guess what Gini?
The summer's finally
here! Now's the time
to go to the beach &

look at the guys & party!
Don't party too much! (just kidding)
Jay E



I'm #1
can't be #2
I'm gonna beat
the WHODIE
outta you! I E

CLASS OF

Love Jason Jackson

Michelle,
It has been nice
knowing you this year,
love ya

Hey,
it's been
nice knowing
you. your friends
hewon

Michelle,
since we became
friends it has been nice
because anyone would be
very lucky to have a friend
like you. Hope to see you next
year.
Jennifer Gilbert

Seon

Michelle,
Hey! What's up? Nothin'
How's it hangin'? Never mind that
You've been a good
friend not to mention
crazy!!! Hiddin' Chystal
H

Love ya
Darcen

Michelle,
It has been
a nice year
knowing you.

Your friend
Dennis
Corn



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Together



Michelle
I just want
to say that you've
always been there
for me + if you
need me I'm here.
I'll always love
you.
Love your friend
Barbara
Ramon

Michelle
Have a nice
Summer and
don't get too
much love
P.S. Johnny
have a
ball Wanda

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POLK CENTRAL HIGH
SCHOOL

Mill Spring, North Carolina

Tanya Jackson
wuz
here
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The Best Belong Together. . .

What makes the best?
Friendship and togetherness?
Hard work and team effort? A
sense of humor? Sharing?
Honesty and trust? All these
traits, mixed together in proper
amounts—this can make us the
best.

Jeff Reid works on a project in shop.

Seniors use lunch break as a time to be
with friends.



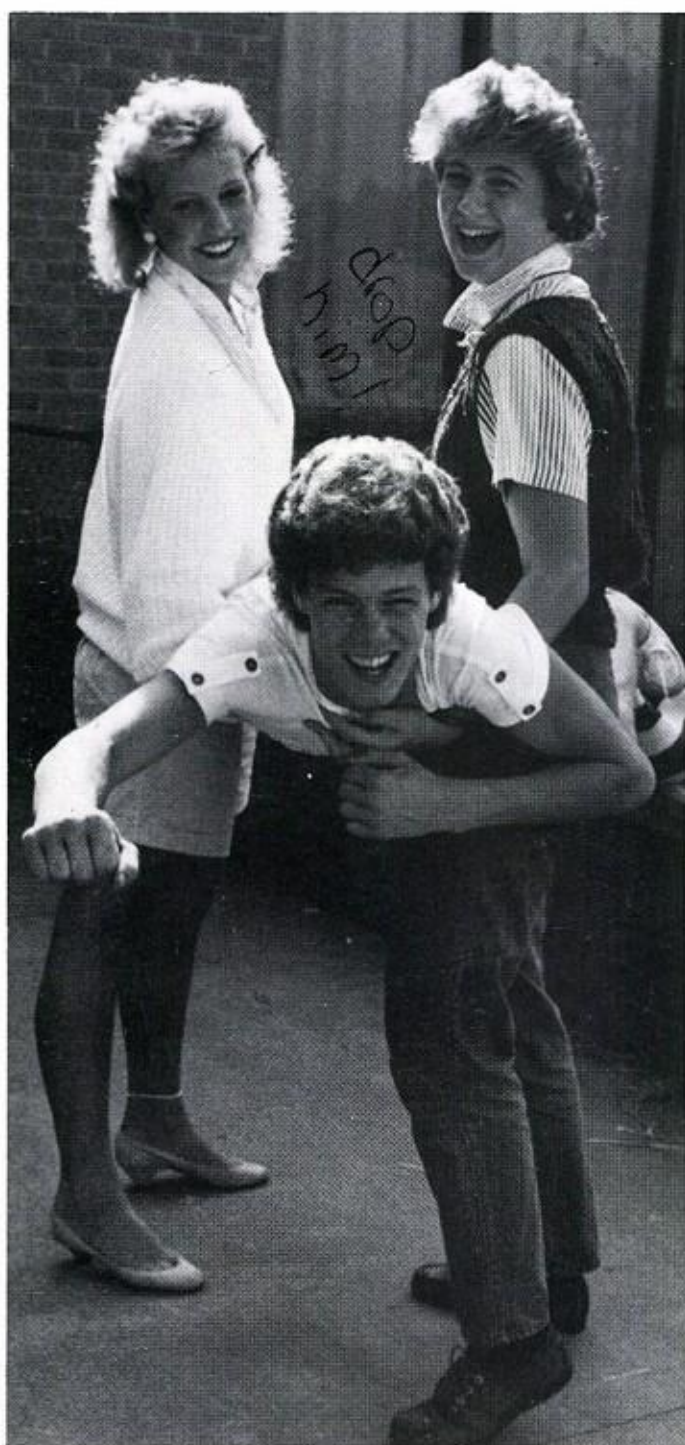
The team breaks through!!

Homecoming Queen Genie Ruff is accompanied by the other senior attendants and their escorts.



Is Karl about to be airborne?!

Myra, how did you get in this position?!?



Whatever Keila is saying must really be funny!!

Striving For Their Goal . . .

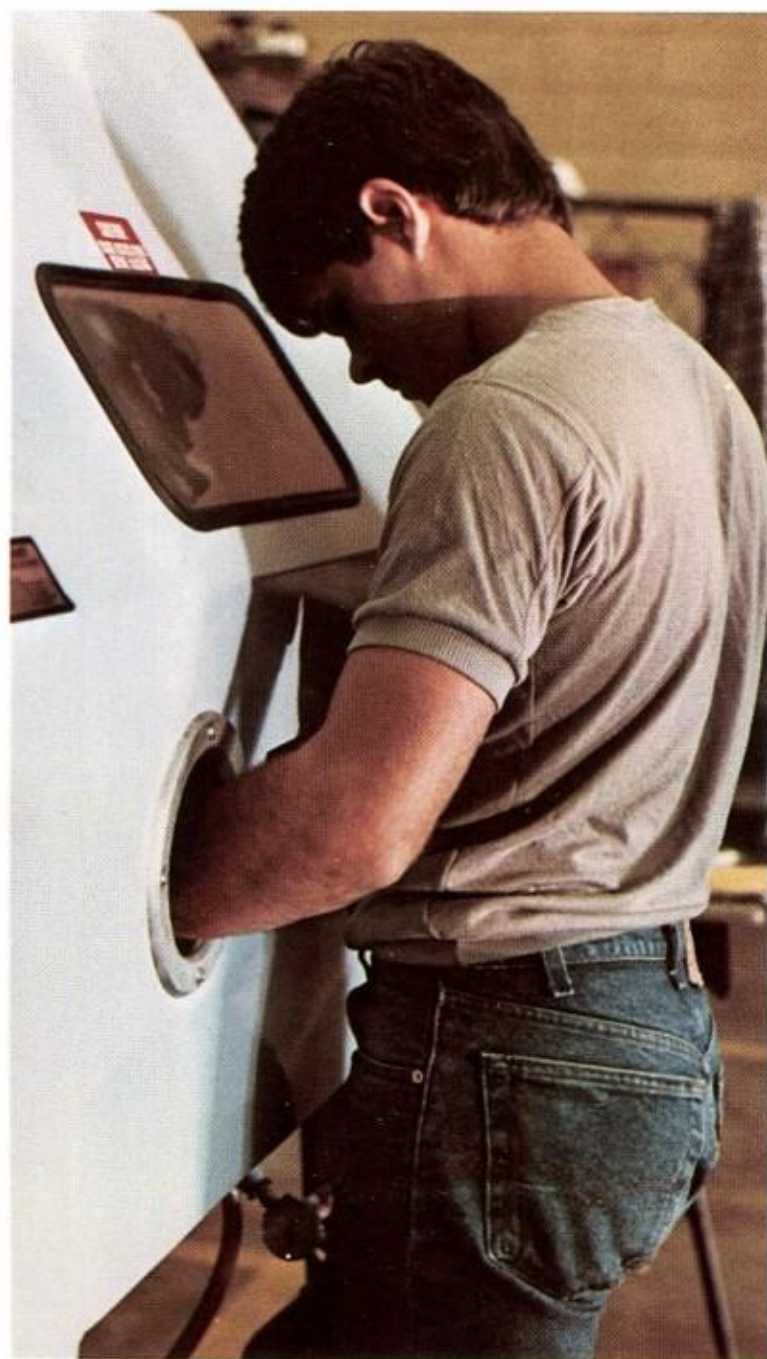
Whether the goal is winning a football game, making the honor roll, building an engine for your dream car, winning a marching contest—or any of countless others—you should always give it your best. Then you can enjoy that feeling of satisfaction that comes from being the best you can be.

The Patriot football team achieved their goal of a homecoming victory!

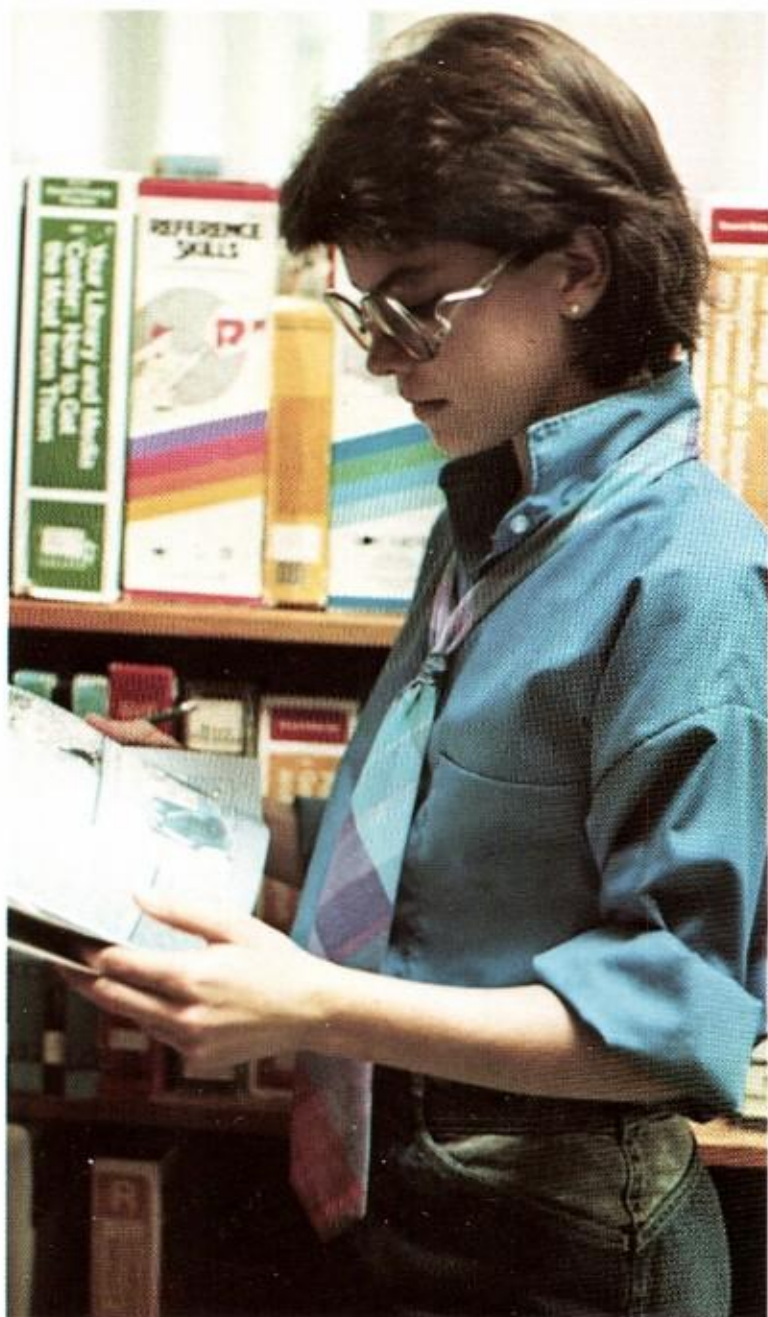


Jeff Ramsey and Glenn Ruff do research in the library.

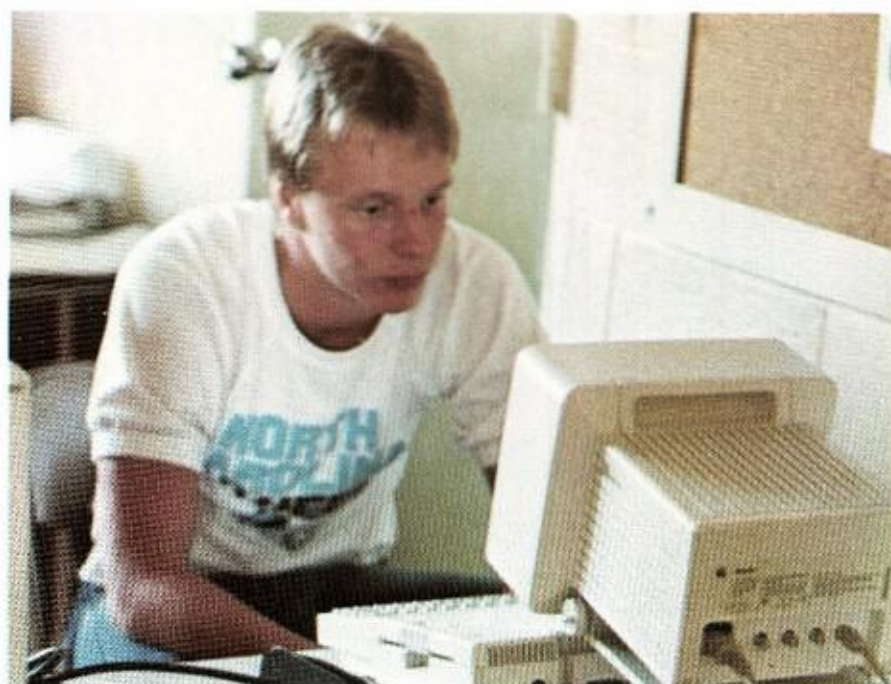
Chuckie Brown uses the sand blaster in the vocational shop.



Tracy Thompson uses reference materials to find information to complete an assignment.



Michael Womack gives his total attention to his computer program.



Sheila Walker—a Junior Miss Polk Central.

The Patriot Band provides halftime entertainment at the Homecoming Game.



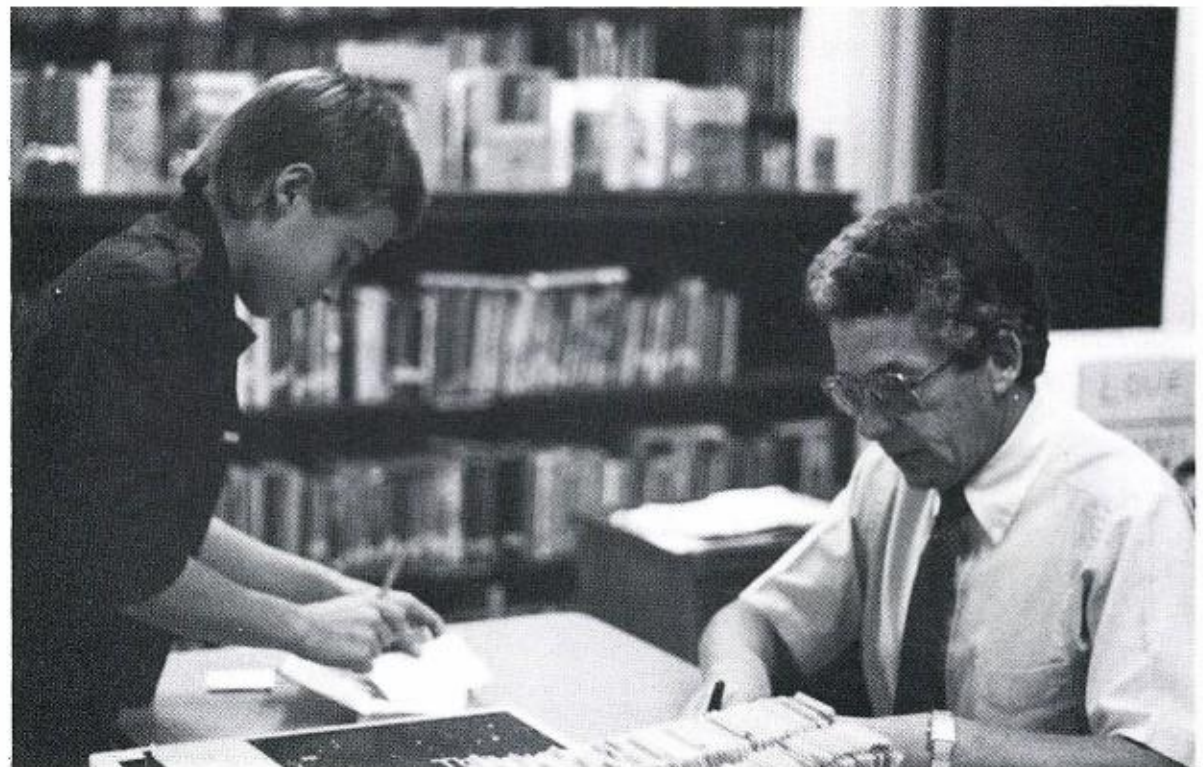
Becoming The Best They Can Be.

Kim Lynch and Laura Lindsey believe that friends help to make a good year.

Natalie Martens and Vicki Brock practice clarinet to improve their skill.



Mr. Edwards assists Scott Foster in checking out a library book.



Karl, Laura G., Lisa and Laura L. are "off to see the wizard."



Lisa Barnette and Laura Harrison help observe "tacky tourist" day.

Student Life

Senior Attendant Melissa Champion is escorted by Donald Blackwell.



Senior attendant Lisa Abrams is escorted by Steven McIntyre.



HOMECOMING QUEEN
GENIE RUFF
(escorted by Darren Lynch)



Junior attendant Kimberly Wilson is escorted by Mike Mower.



Junior attendant Tammy Thompson is escorted by Robby Barber.



Junior attendant Vicki Siegfried is escorted by Tommy Burnett.



Junior attendant Wanda Carson is escorted by Morris Carson.

HOMECOMING 1985— *THE BEST OF EACH CLASS*



Homecoming attendants are chosen by class vote in grades 9-11. Five senior candidates for homecoming queen are chosen by the members of the varsity football team. Then a schoolwide vote determines the Homecoming Queen and the Maid of Honor. The attendants and candidates for queen are introduced and the queen is crowned at halftime of the homecoming football game.

Maid of Honor Cindy White is escorted by Byron Naff.

Senior attendant Amanda Rickman is escorted by Thomas Jackson.



Sophomore attendant Tracy Splawn is escorted by Scott Crissone.

Sophomore attendant Stephanie Skipper is escorted by Lyle Stott.

Sophomore attendant Karen Staley is escorted by Eric Miller.

Sophomore attendant Melinda Splawn is escorted by Renny Dedmond.

Freshman Lisa Laughter is escorted by Mark Metcalf.

Freshman Nicky McDowell is escorted by Keith Collins.

Freshman Deanna Carson is escorted by Chuckie McEntyre.

Homecoming Activities Build Spirit

A special activity was carried out each day of homecoming week. Some of these were hat and sunglasses day, "write-on" day, "it-day" and Spirit Day on which everyone was asked to wear school colors. These activities involved a large number of students and helped to build school spirit.

Jennifer Tipton and Lynn Honeycutt enjoy lunch break.

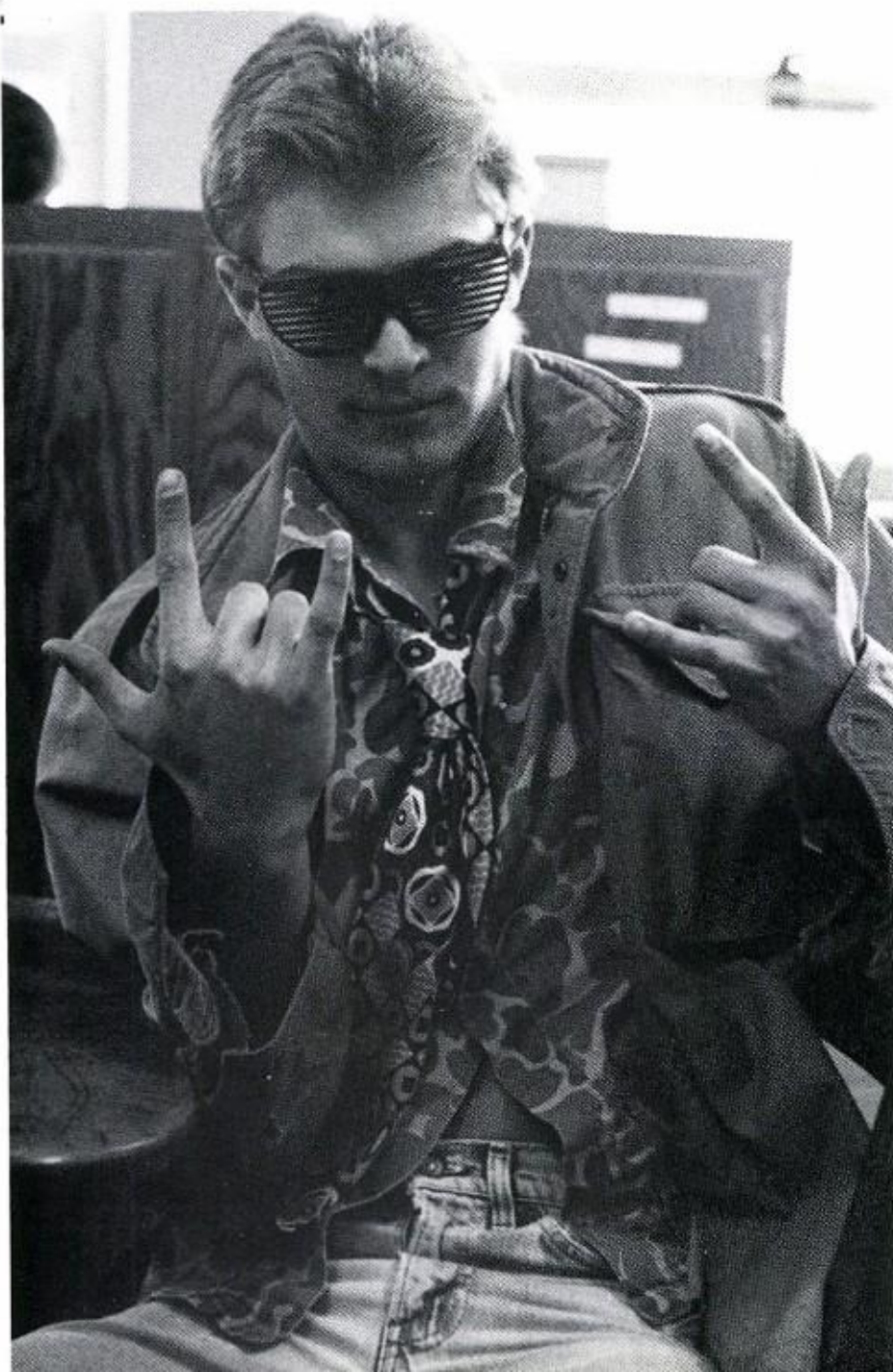


Nicole Clary and Catina Thompson share a secret.

Kim Lynch carefully chooses colors for her Child Care project.



Karl, Lorrie, Tammy and Byron model their "It-Day" costumes.



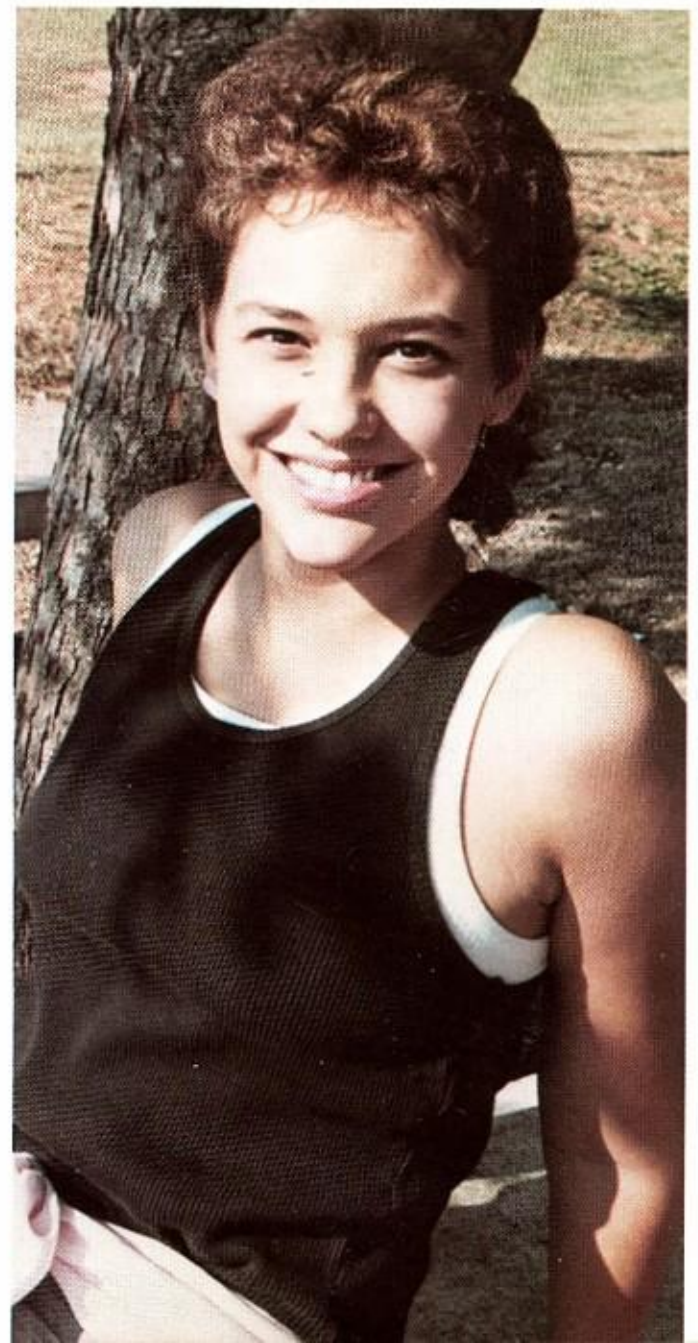
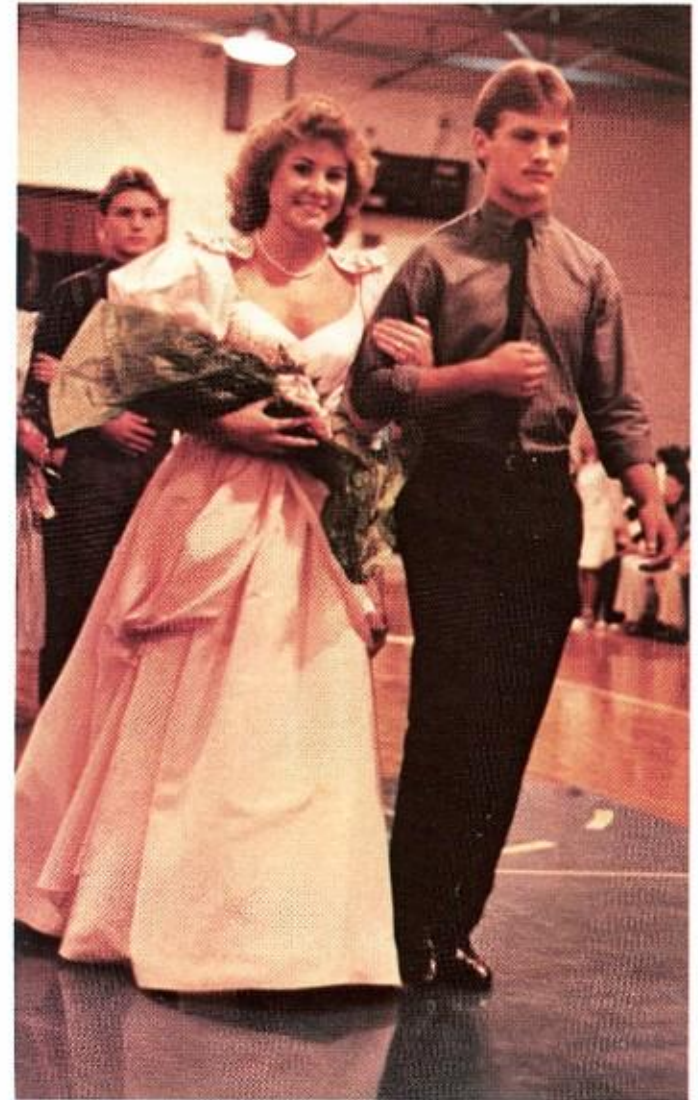
Michael Mower says "I Love You."
Becky Bell and Andrea McEntire are lost in a daydream.

MISS POLK CENTRAL
DONNA DIMSDALE
(escorted by Mark Jackson)



Donna Dimsdale is Band Captain and president of the Beta Club.

Becky Bell is interested in music and plays softball.



Beauty plus Brains

MISS POLK CENTRAL



Five candidates for Miss Polk Central, in junior high as well as in high school, are chosen by the faculty and are then voted on by the student body. Grades 7 and 8 choose a Junior Miss Polk Central and grades 9-12 choose a Senior Miss Polk Central. Some qualifications for Miss Polk Central include a good academic average, leadership, and a good personality.

Becky Bell escorted by Thomas Jackson, Lisa Barnette escorted by Jeff Gibbs, Donna Dimsdale escorted by Mark Jackson, Lisa Abrams escorted by Gerald Davis, Kelly Thompson escorted by Trip Lowe.



Lisa Abrams is in the Polk Central Chorus and participates in Child Care.

Kelly Thompson plays volleyball and softball.

Lisa Barnette is Drum Major for the marching Patriots.

Top State Official Visits P.C.

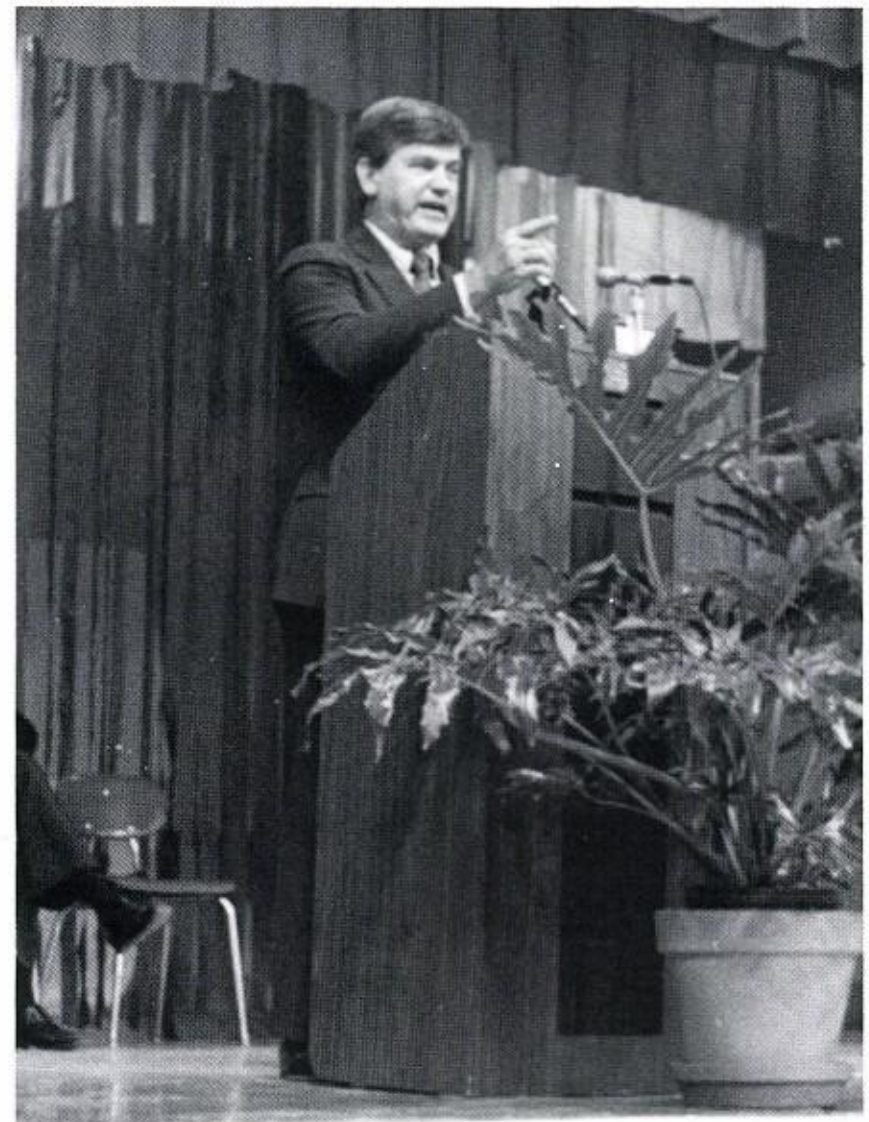
Mr. Turner welcomes and introduces the governor.

Governor Martin joins in pledging allegiance to the flag.



The governor accepts a T-shirt from Cheryl Rickman, Student Council President.

Governor Martin emphasizes a point in his speech to the students.



Pep Rallies Boost Spirit!

These football players expected a kiss, but got a pie in the face instead!



Pep rallies are usually held on the day of home ballgames to increase interest in the ballgame and to boost school spirit. The cheerleaders plan various stunts and skits to make the pep rallies fun.



Seniors show their spirit!!

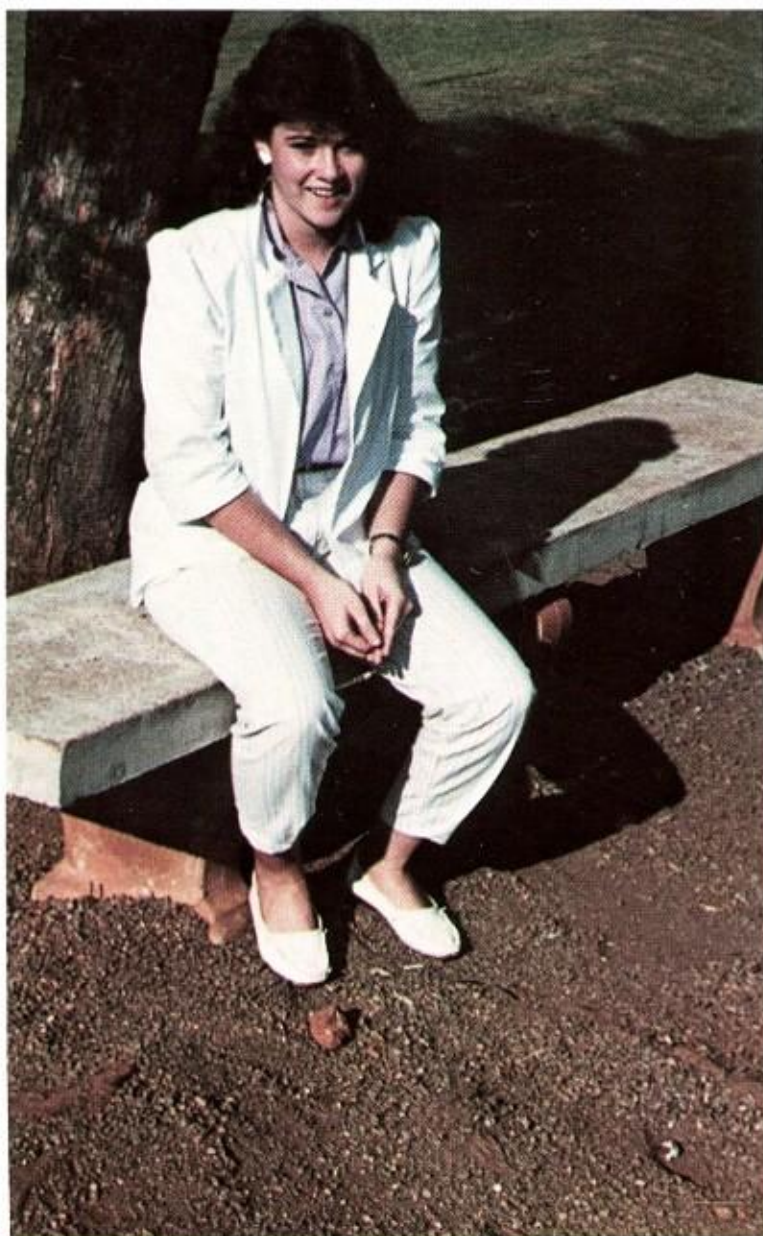
Which way **are** we going?!

"We just won't be defeated" say the cheerleaders.



The Best Times Two

Stacy Flynn, Co-Junior Miss Polk Central



Sheila Walker, Co-Junior Miss Polk Central



This year, for the first time, there was a tie for the title of Junior Miss Polk Central. Stacy Flynn and Sheila Walker are sharing the title. Pictured at right are the two queens and their court. (L-R) Candace Barnette, escorted by Chad Wagner; Monica Rogers, escorted by Eric Miller; Julie Horne, escorted by Chris LeGuire; Sheila Walker, escorted by Bryan Williams; and Stacy Flynn, escorted by Tim W. Jackson.





Junior High Band

Ricky Evans, director, instructs percussion members on a piece of music.



Members of Junior High Band include (Front row) Samantha Waldrop, Pam Burgess, Pam Shehan, Nikki Smith, Natalie Martens, Paula Hardin, Donna Dawson, Heather Jackson; (Middle row) James Thompson, Jamie Smith, James Kuykendall, Caitlin Watson, Deana Greene, Barbara Bradley, Charlie Garrett, Michael Waddell, Brian Williams, Allen Dimpsey; (Back row) Matthew Davis, Jerry Smith, Tim Martines, Arnie Twitty, Lamond Twitty, Monte McCraw, Michael Ridings, Michael Cantrell.



Seventh and eighth grade band members have worked hard this year to be better prepared for the high school band. Several seventh and eighth graders marched with the high school band this year while some seventh graders were color guard members.

Band members take a short break.

Quality—Not Quantity

Jackie Smith relaxes after a long drive to Swain County



Director Rick Evans leads the fight song



Senior Members of the Marching Patriots include **Drum Major** Lisa Barnette, Laura Harrison, Linda Cunningham, **Band Captain** Donna Dimsdale and Jackie Smith.



Percussion Section members of the Marching Patriots are Jeremy Pittman, Jonathan Bradshaw, **Co-Captain** Niki Ravan, Jeff Dimsdale, **Co-Captain** Stephen Ruff, and Tim Wilson.



Though small in number, the Marching Patriots had a successful season. They participated in several contests, bringing home a First Place Drum Major Trophy and a First Place Drum Line Trophy, among others. They marched in several parades, performed at pep rallies and ball games, and gave concerts at the elementary schools as well as for the public. Main Staff members include Lisa Barnette, Drum Major; Donna Dimsdale, Band Captain; Drum Captains, Niki Ravan, Stephen Ruff; Uniforms, Linda Cunningham; Transportation, Jackie Smith; Publicity, Julie Lanning; Library, Lisa Phillips and Supply, Kim Wilson.



Members of the **Brass Section** include (front row) Louann Smith, Shea Watson; (middle) Kavin Price, Kim Marie Wilson, Troy Richardson, Jackie Smith; (back row) Heather Jackson, Thomy Calton, Michael Hughes.

Woodwind Section members are (front row) Donna Dimsdale, Lisa Phillips, Laura Harrison, Paula Hardin; (middle) Kim Ralston, Julie Lanning, Linda Cunningham, Wendy Deck; (back row) Tara Atkins, Natalie Martens, David Edwards.



Color Guard members include Donna Dawson, Vicki Brock, Caitlin Watson, Deana Greene, and Captain Lori Smith.

Junior Miss Polk Central Sheila Walker is escorted by Bryan Williams and Junior Miss Polk Central Staci Flynn is escorted by Tim W. Jackson.



Eighth grade Jr. Beta members relax before the induction ceremony for new members.



Seventh grade homecoming attendants include Michelle Finch escorted by Ty Stottt; Tonya Jackson escorted by Bert Moore; Jenny Sensing escorted by Michael Potter; Stacy McCall escorted by Chris LeGuire; Nicole Clary escorted by Chris White (not shown); Nicki Horton escorted by Trip Lowe; and Misty Wilson escorted by Tony Barker.

Junior High Activities

New inductees into Jr. Beta Club include Pam Bailey, Nicole Clary, Donna Dawson, Matthew Davis, Brian Edwards, Joy Edwards, Michelle Finch, Paula Hardin, Gippy Hill, Heather Jackson, Adrian Miller, Chris Pittman, Aaron Ruff, Crystal Searcy, Jenny Senning, Jamie Smith, Nikki Smith, Candie Spicer, James Thompson, Caitlin Watson and Misty Wilson.



Eighth grade homecoming attendants are Myra Stott escorted by Johnny Womack; Kim Jackson escorted by Otis Logan; Patti Gibbs escorted by Don Jolley; Glynnis Denton escorted by Bryan Williams; Kerry Wolfe escorted by Tim Pruitt; Tammy Case escorted by Jeff Weaver; and Kelly Horton escorted by Jay Byrd.

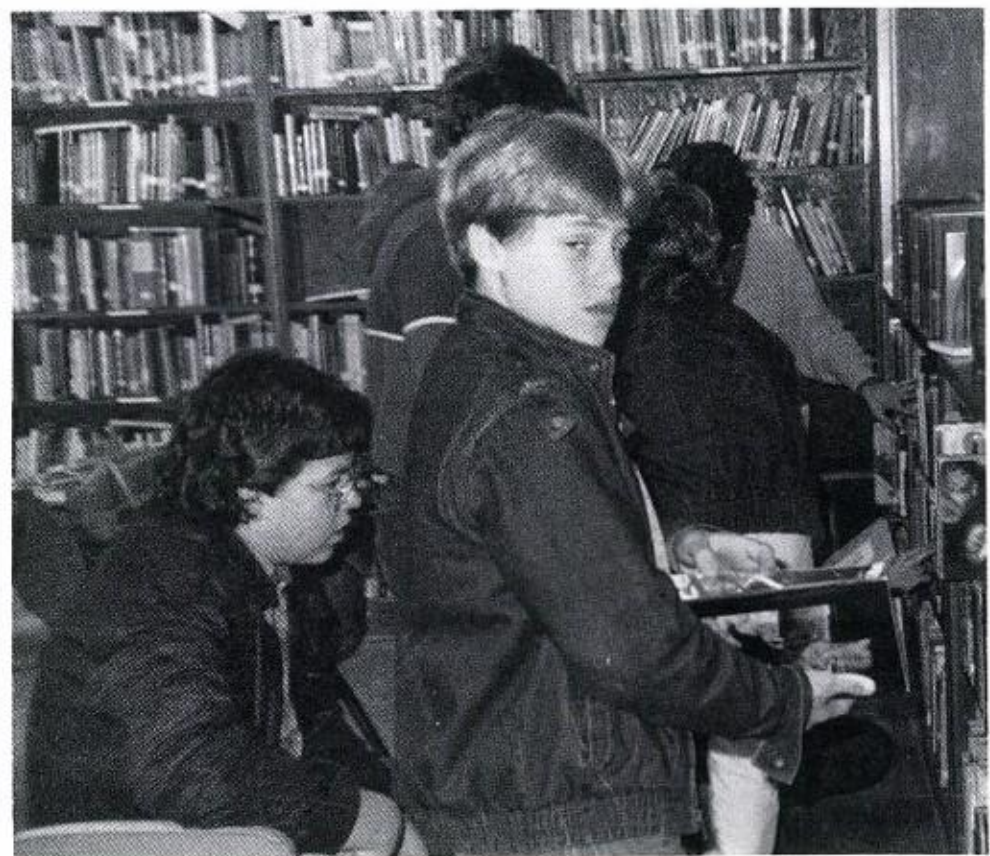
Preparing for transition

Varied classroom experiences help to prepare seventh and eighth graders for the transition to high school. Learning to do research in the library, acquiring knowledge of the basics in music, doing individual study or being part of a classroom lecture and discussion—all these increase their readiness for senior high.

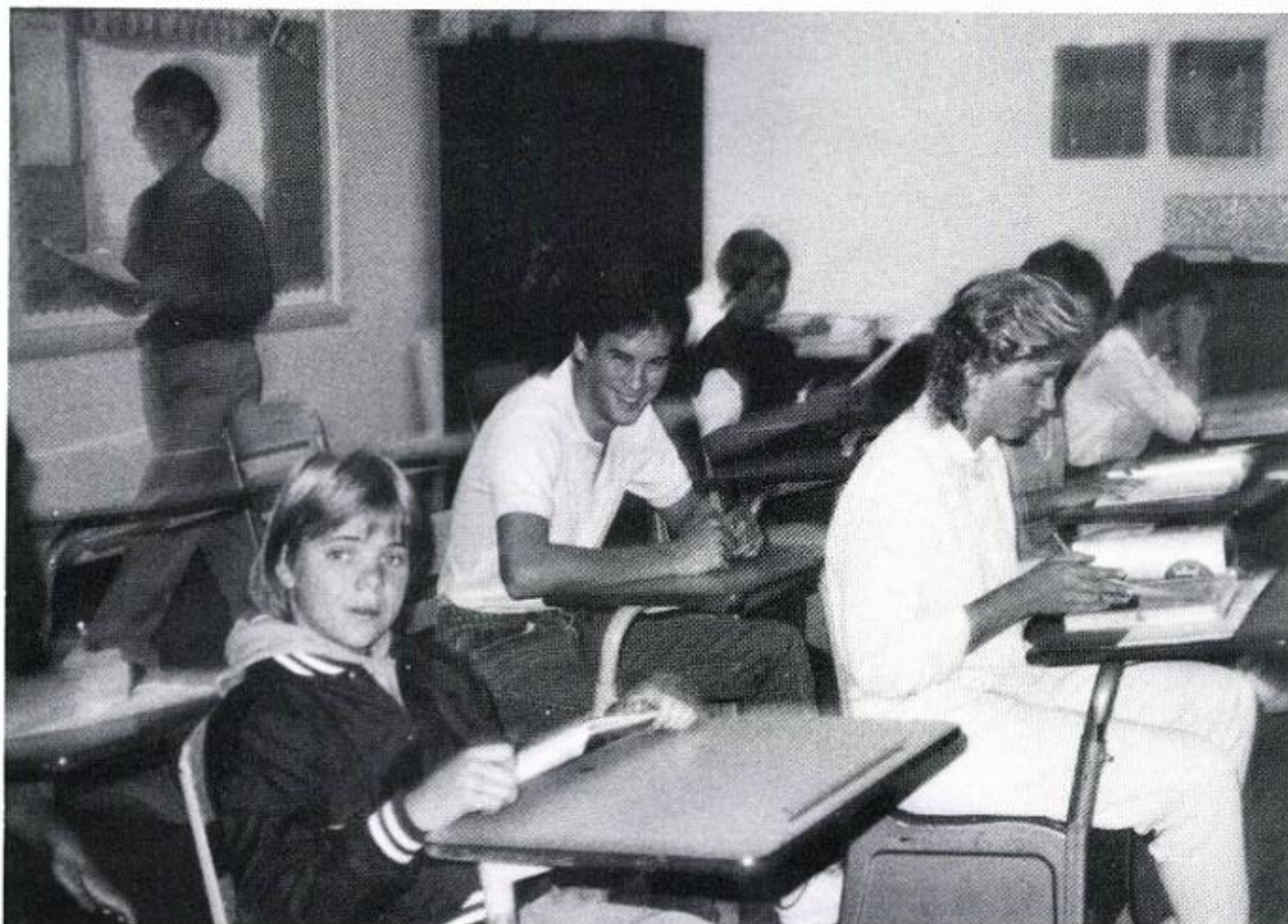
Ms. Burton instructs Barbara Ravan and Sherry Rogers on the omnichord.



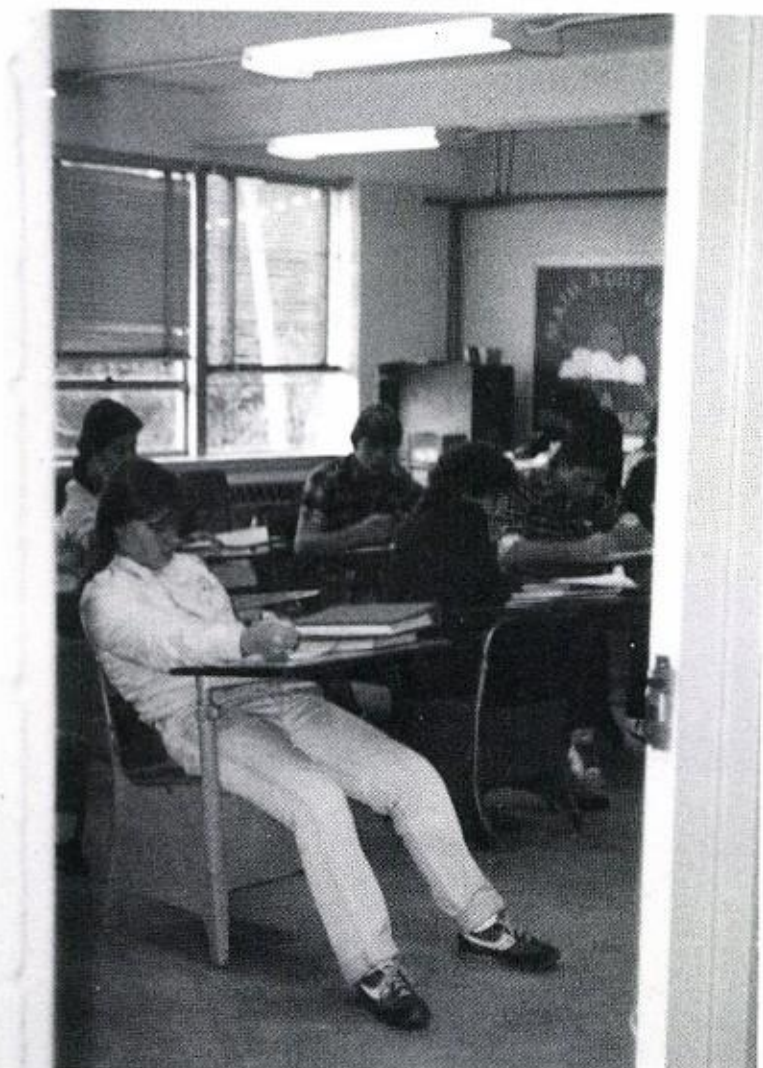
Sheila Walker does individual study for English class.



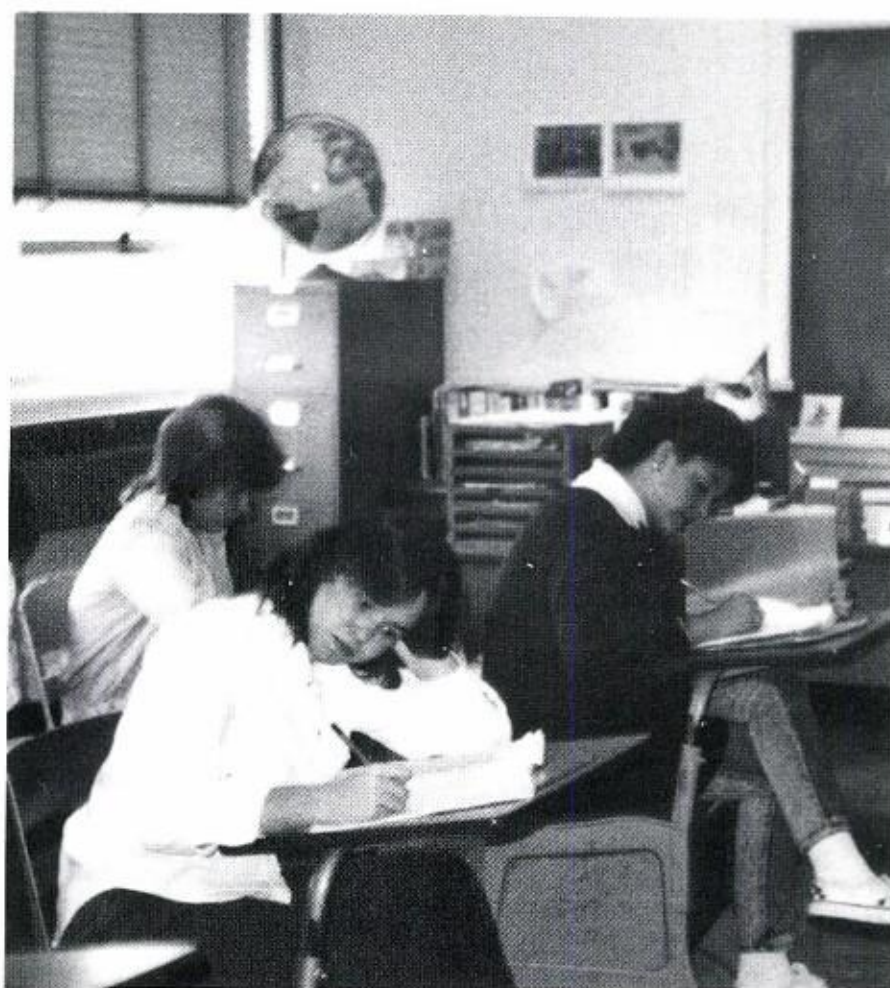
Dwayne McDowell and Mark Shytle use reference books in the library.



Mrs. Brumley's Social Studies class completes a reading assignment.



A peek in Ms. Hales's math class finds students solving problems.



Map study and locating countries on the globe make history more interesting.

A break in routine

Seventh and eighth graders gather in "their area" during break.



This is truly a wild and crazy group!

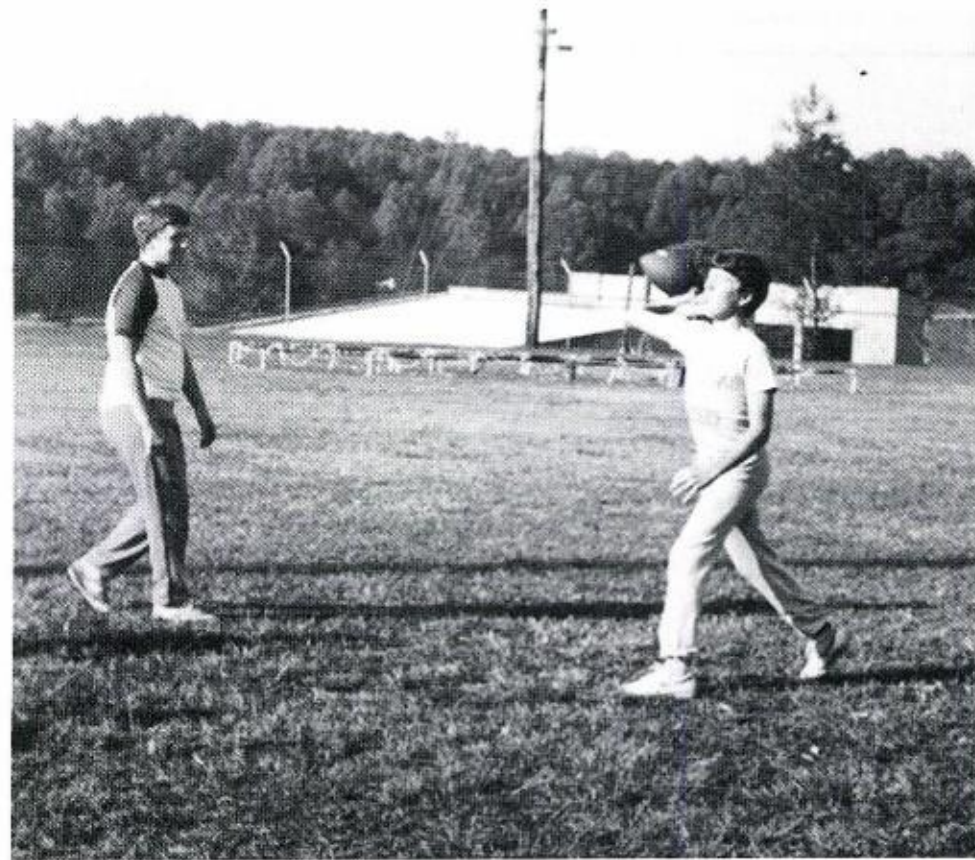


Roy, that is **not** correct typing position!

Where have all the girls gone?

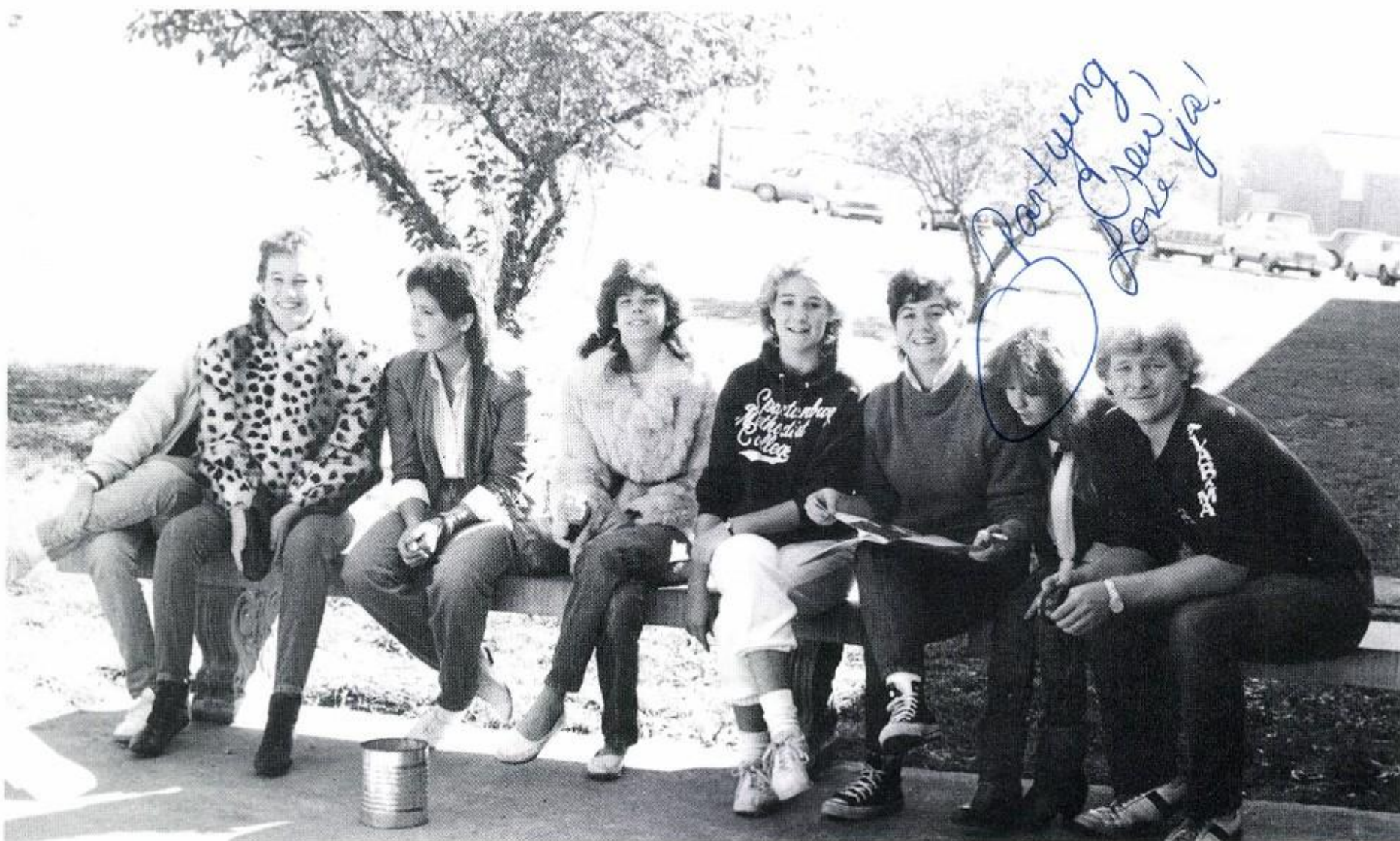


Catlina Thompson dresses for Tacky Day.



Travis Dotson lets go with a pass to Danny Spivey.

Break—the best time



The smoking area is the favorite place for some students at break.



Break is a time to visit with friends.

Sophomore officers Ricky Conner, Amy Westbrook, Stephanie Skipper and Dwayne Carson take a break from class.



Angie Edwards, Pam Duncan and Angela McEntire share friendly conversation.



A group of senior girls show their true nature.



Tena Greene and Tony Barker find a place to share break.

The best of many worlds

Robbie Barber dusts tomato plants in the garden grown by the agriculture classes.



Mike Mower conducts a chemistry experiment as Connie McCall, Patricia Frye, and Angie Miller look on cautiously.



Director Rick Evans gives last-minute instructions before the band departs for a contest.

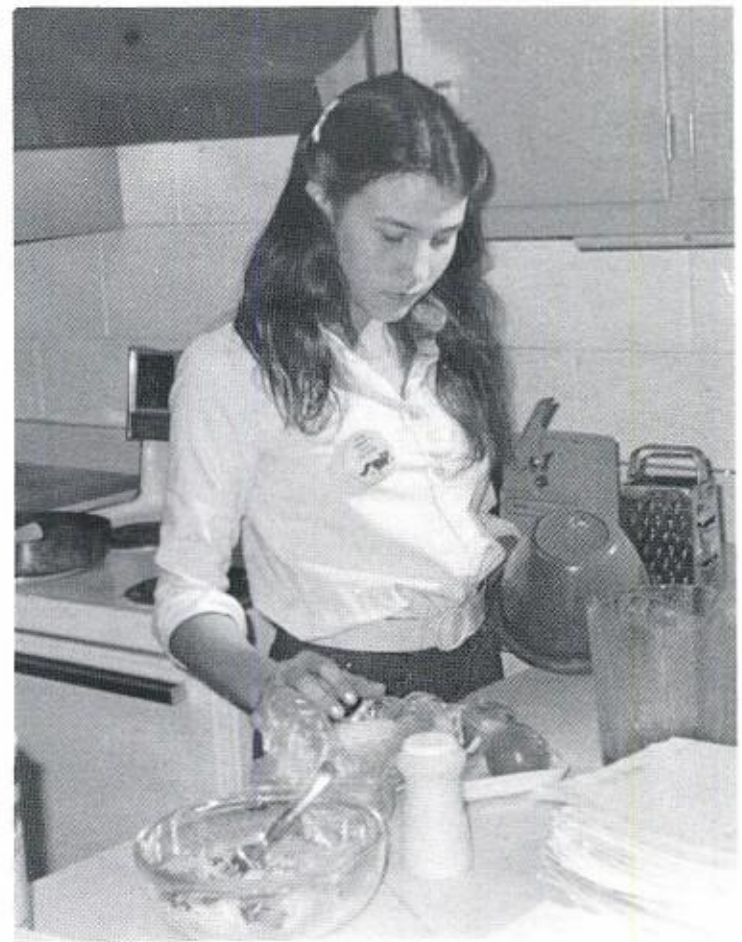
Angela Edwards and Kimberly A. Wilson plan a lesson for their AP U.S. History class.



Ray Wilkins works on an art project.



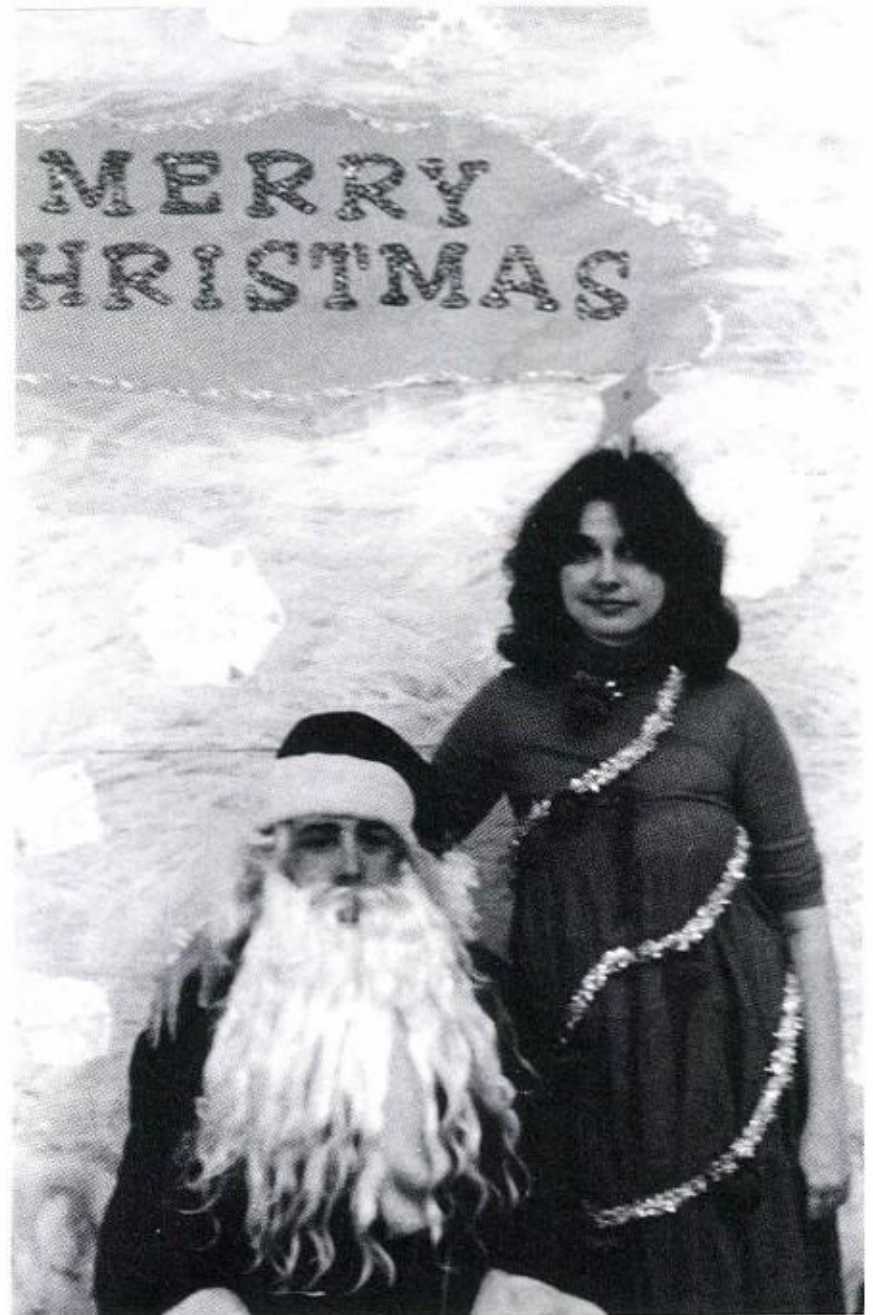
Jonathan Bradshaw and Lori Walker donate some of their study hall time to grade papers for Mr. Williams.



Alicia Wilson prepares a salad in Home Ec. Class.

Melissa Kerr decorates the tree with ornaments made by the art classes.

Santa Claus with his Christmas tree wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.



The art classes added a lot to Polk Central's celebration of Christmas this year. Not only did they make ornaments for the tree but they also provided a Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus complete with elves to greet students in the cafeteria. The Senior Beta Club added their efforts by sponsoring their annual door decorating contest.

Elf Stephanie Skipper and Angel Angie Miller help Santa Gary get ready for his next appearance.



A touch of Christmas humor

Santa Gary boards his sleigh with elves Satasha, Melinda and Stephanie.



Mr. Odel's door decorations reflect his teaching!?



CHRISTMAS



Paul Wilkins has his picture made with Mrs. Santa, Cindy White.

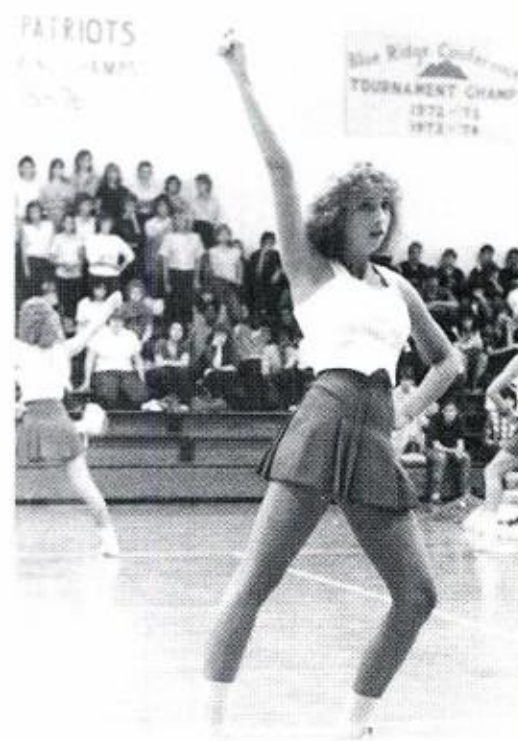
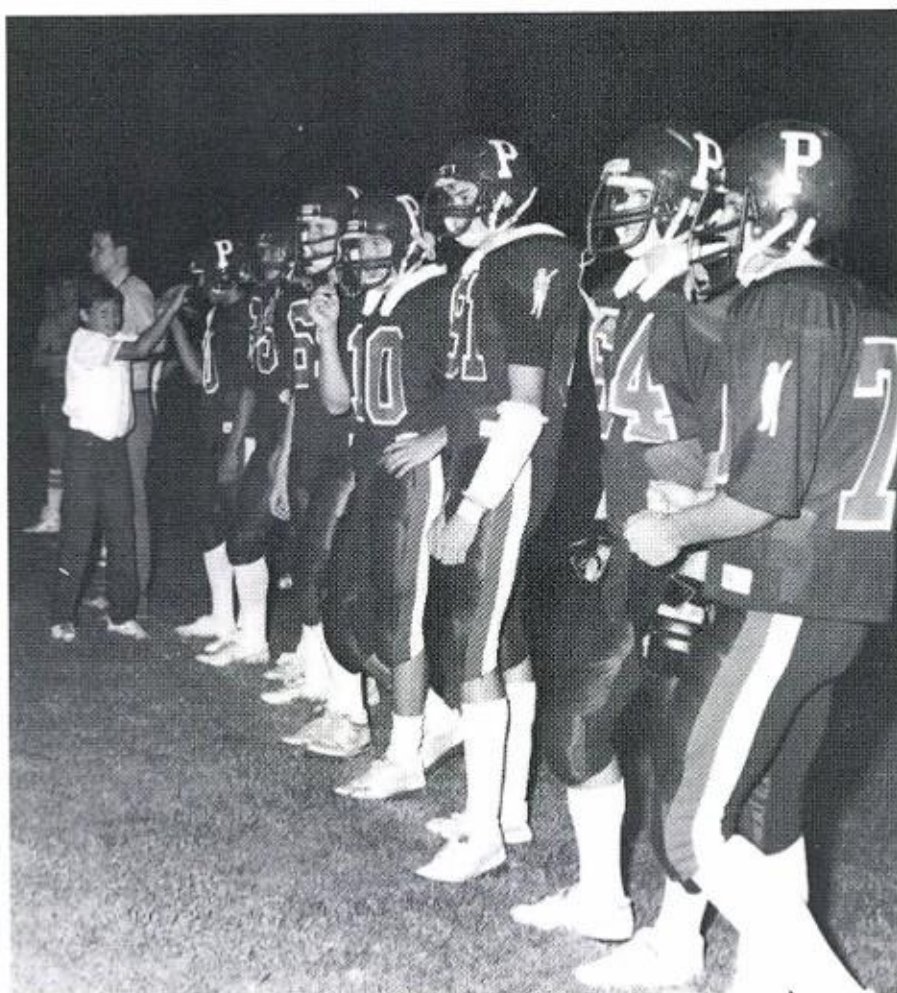


Ornaments made by art students adorn the Christmas tree.

Who has my hairy toe?

To celebrate Halloween, the Art I and Art II classes listened to a story called "My Hairy Toe" and then created their own characters as they perceived them from the story. Materials used included yarn, paint, pantyhose, newspaper, cones and paper bags. Their handiwork was displayed in the art room and in the library.





Several team members await their chance to re-enter the game.

Angie Miller leads a pep rally cheer.

Athletics

Best Record Since 1974 . . .

During the summer months, the football team worked out with weights two days each week and practiced six days a week, going two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening. In addition, nine of the team members attended Western Carolina University Football Camp. During the school year, the team practiced every day after school for two hours, running sprints and pole laps and performing belly flops.

The team had a regular season record of 5 and 5—the best since 1974. They lost to Swain County in a first-round game in the North Carolina 1-A State Playoffs, 52-6.

Michael Mathis



Juan Carlos Lozada



Jeff Gibbs



Mark Jackson



Touchdown!



Vincent Jackson



Gary Nelson



Kenneth Price



Jeff Sheehan



Darrell Taylor

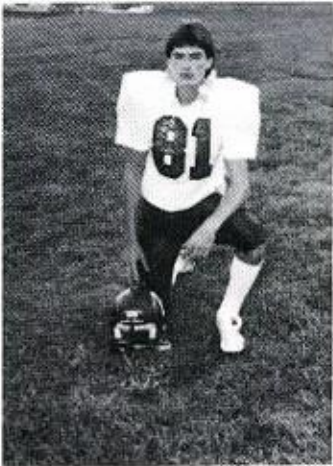
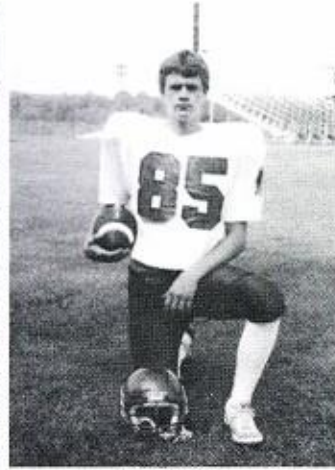
Tony Barker
Mark Fowler
Craig Collins

Jay Byrd
Tim Pruitt
Scott Flynn

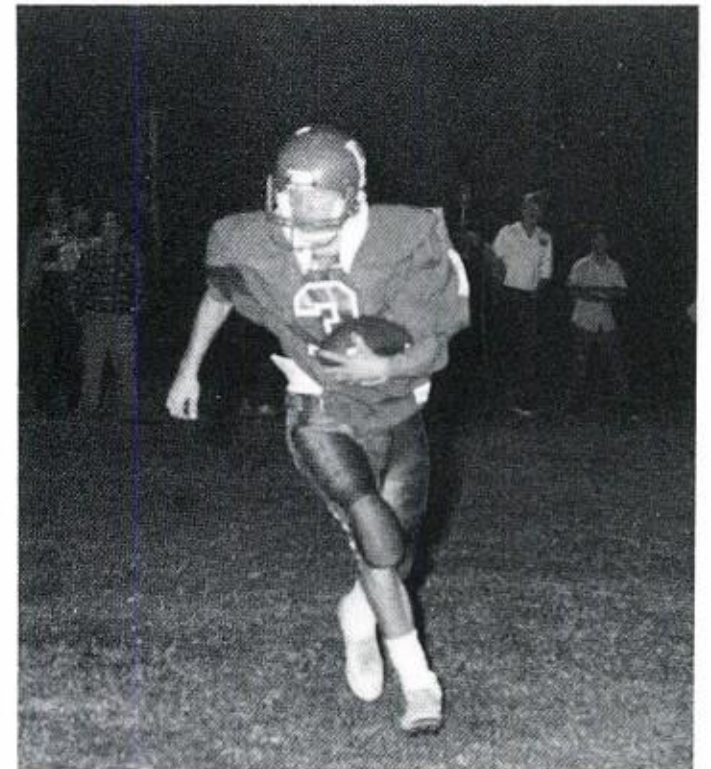
Ty Cantrell
Travis Ruff
Kevin Hudson

John Dufford
Jeff Weaver
Randy McGuinn

Johnny Eubanks
Kevin Wilson
Chris White



Mark Jackson seems to have lost the ball.



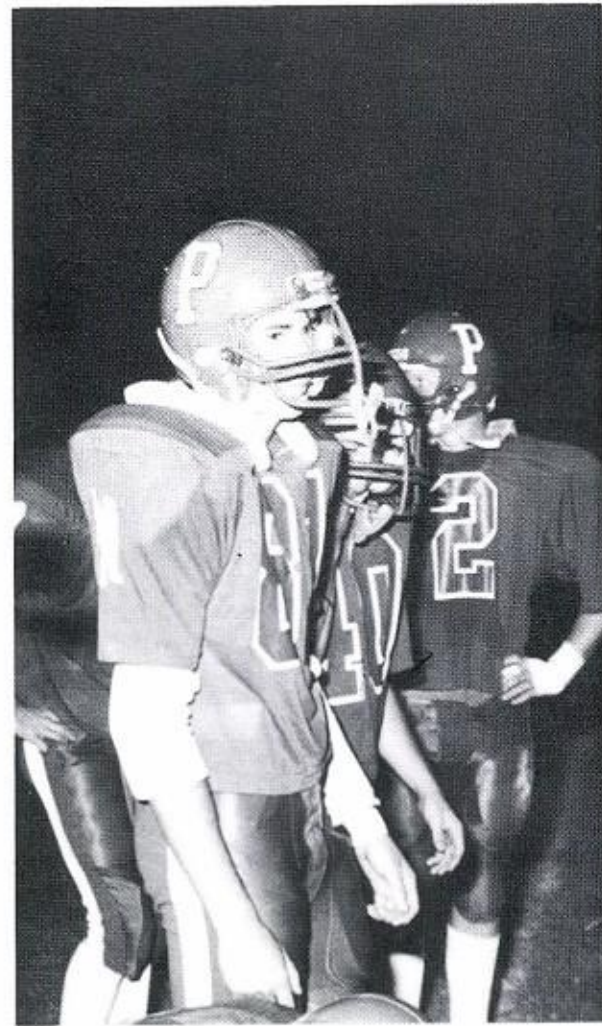
Jeff Sheehan runs the ball.

We've come a long way.



Everyone is down and ready in their respective positions.

Varsity football coaches are Larry Foster, Phillip Horne, and Harold Warren.



Cheer up, Scott. You'll get them next time.

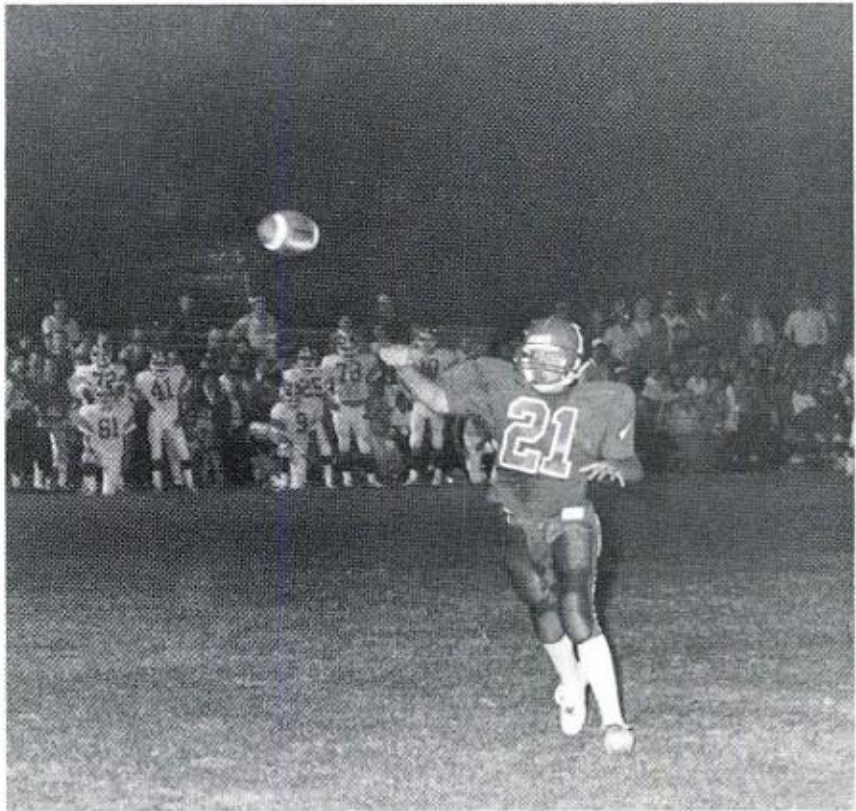


Michael Mathis punts from his own end zone.



Craig Collins is stopped short of the goal line.

Scoreboard		
Opponent		Polk Central
Cherokee	19	6
Bessemer City	27	7
Lockhart	6	26
Landrum	7	46
Blue Ridge	21	0
Hendersonville	45	21
Edneyville	12	8
Tryon	9	27
Rosman	7	19
Landrum	0	17



Chris White lets go with a beautiful pass!

Reaching for a higher goal



Coach Horne discusses strategy during a time out.

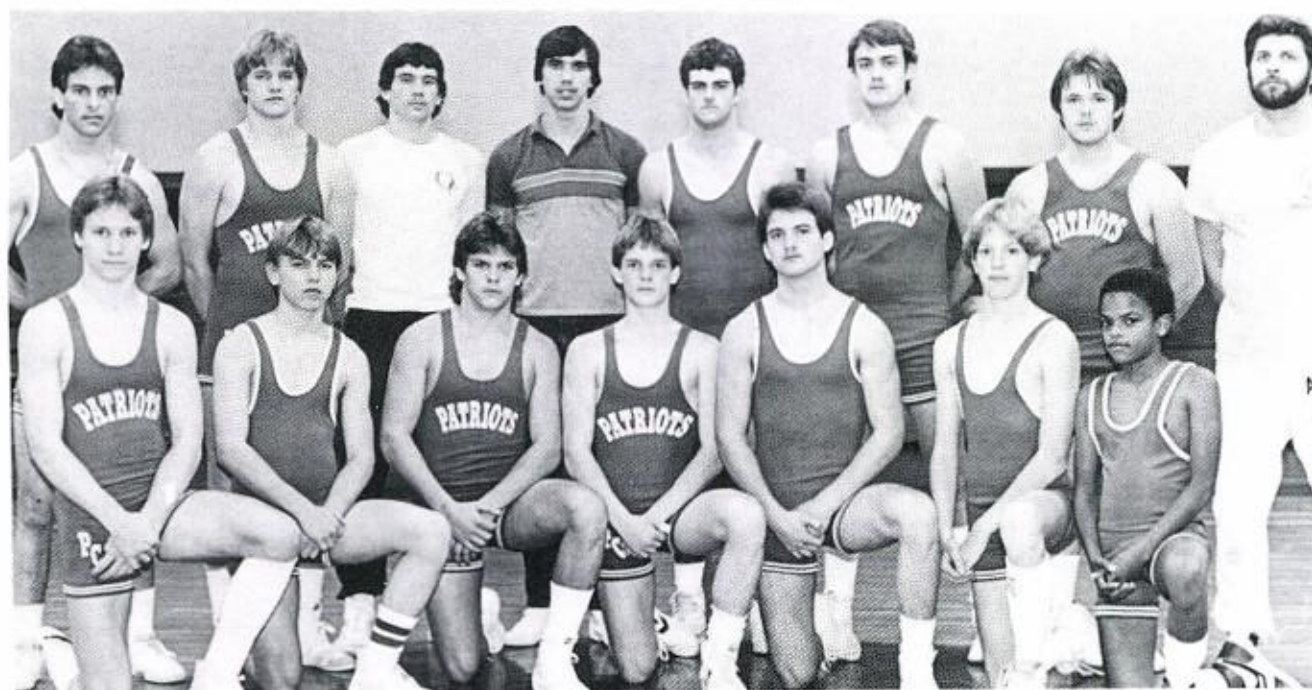


Tim Jackson gains yardage in the Swain game.

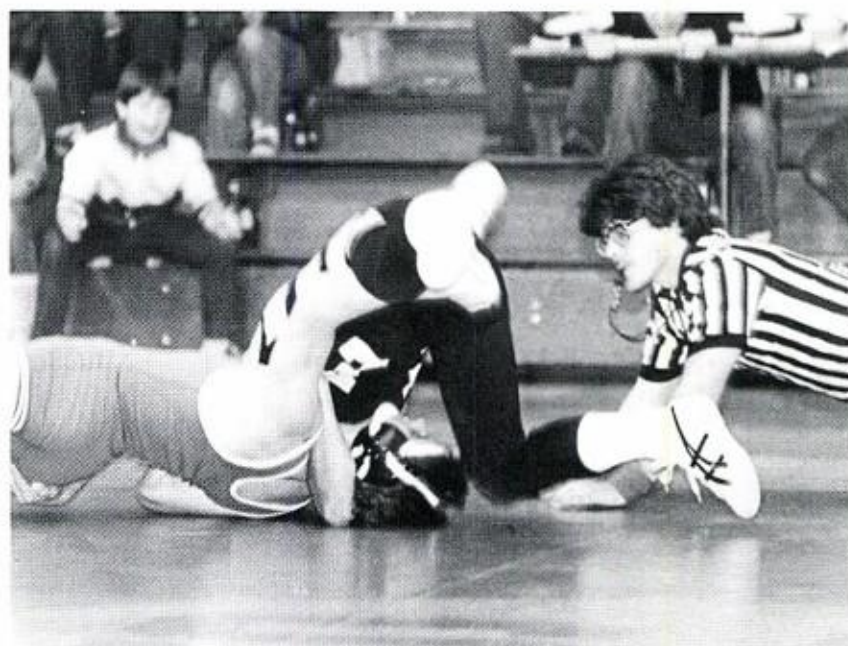
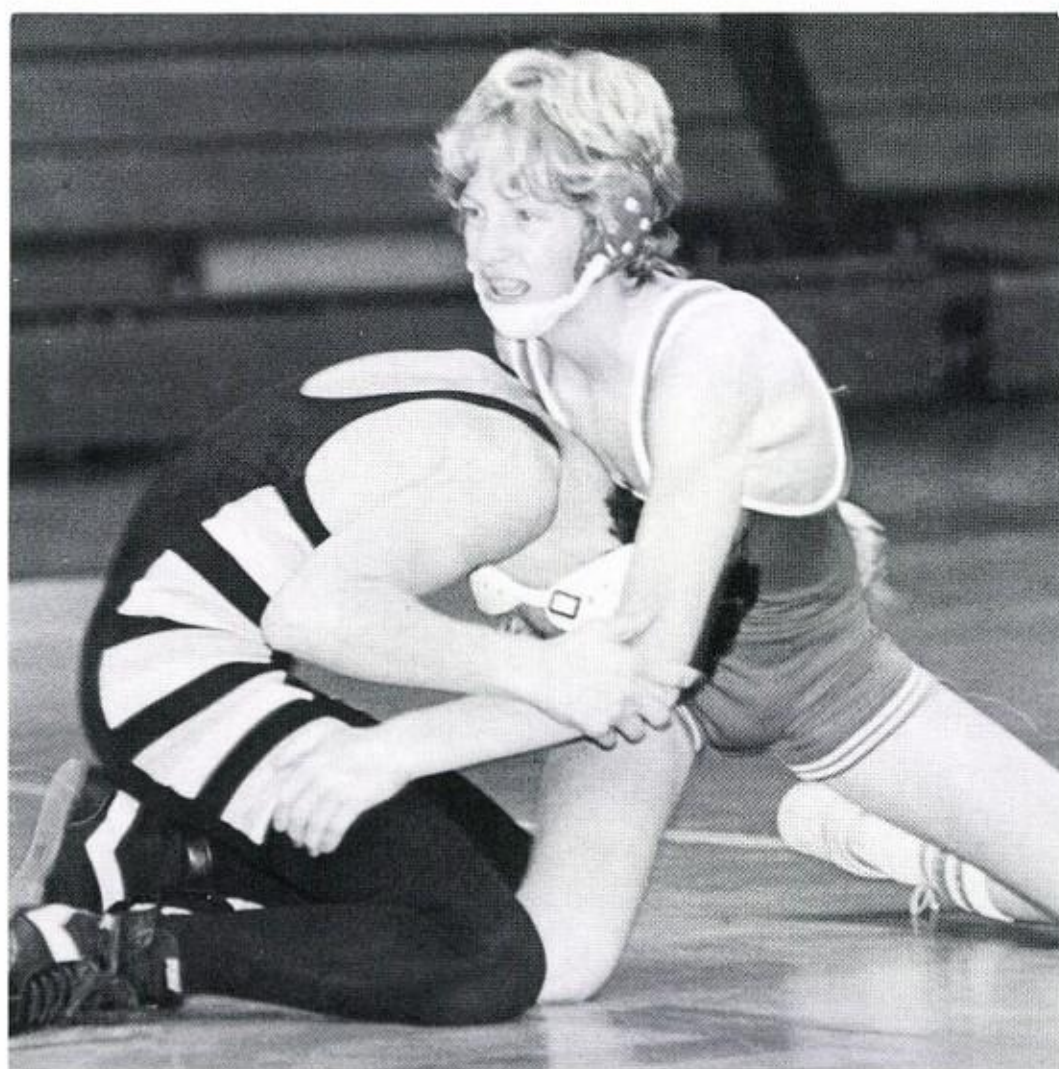


Players on the sideline cheer on their teammates.

Back row: Jeff Gibbs, Randy McGuinn, Shane Turner, Michael Williams, Travis Ruff, Phillip McAbee, David Williams, Coach David Neeld, Front row: Barry Painter, Dennis Brown, Chris White, Donald Blackwell, Michael Mathis, Todd Kropp and Joseph Petty



The Patriot wrestling team has improved greatly since the beginning of the season. Our biggest attribute is enthusiasm. Inexperience has been the major stumbling block with Michael Mathis (team captain) being our only experienced senior. The future looks good for P.C. wrestling because of the increase of participants. We have twice the number of grapplers than last year's team. Returning from last year's team are Barry Painter, Randy McGuinn and Chris White.



Michael Mathis resists his opponent's effort to pin him.

Todd Kropp prepares to take down his opponent.

Wrestling—a winning move



Bump! Set! Spike!

Scoreboard

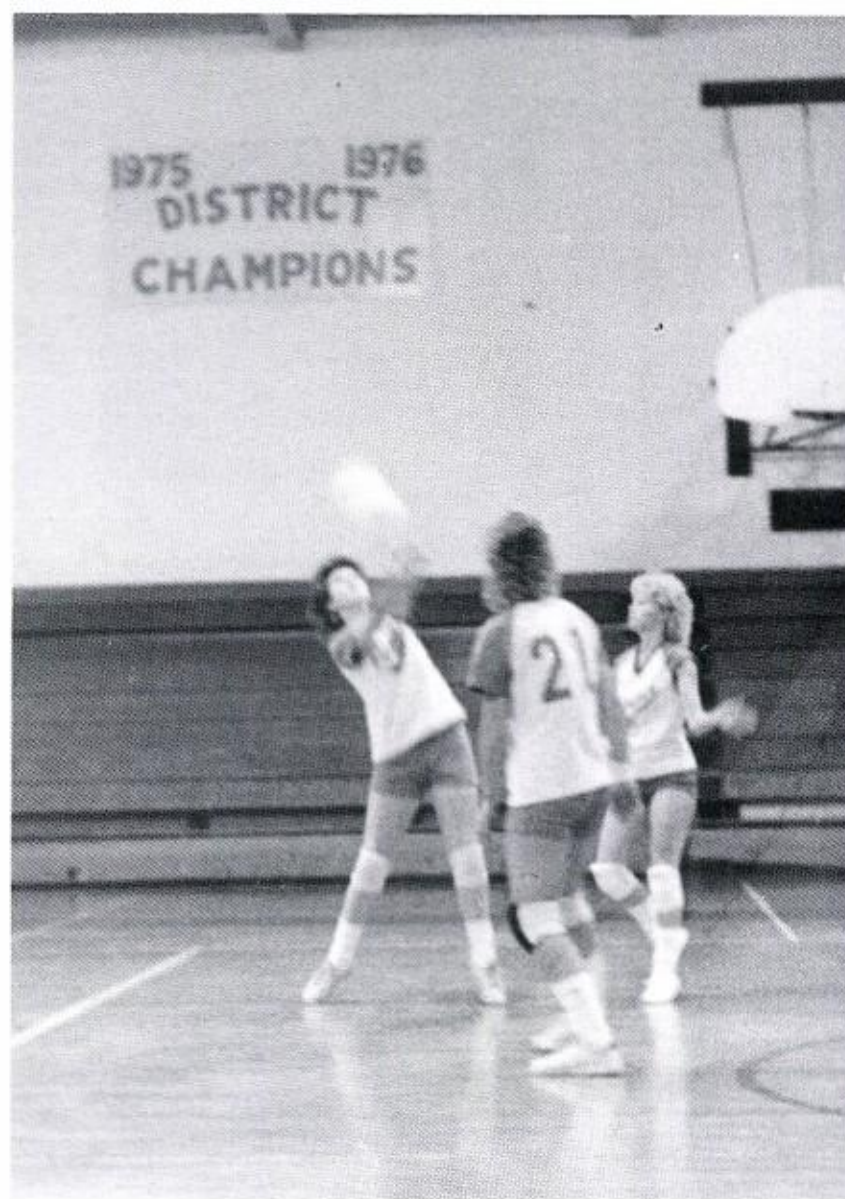
Opponent	Won	Lost
NCSD	1	2
Edneyville	0	2
Rosman	2	1
Edneyville	0	2
Rosman	2	1
NCSD	2	0

Karen Splawn spikes the ball as her teammates look on.



JV team members include Amy Westbrook, Michelle Clary, Karen Splawn, Peggy Ridings, Tina Jackson, and Tena Helton. Their coach is Cynthia Terrell.

Michelle Clary bumps the ball.

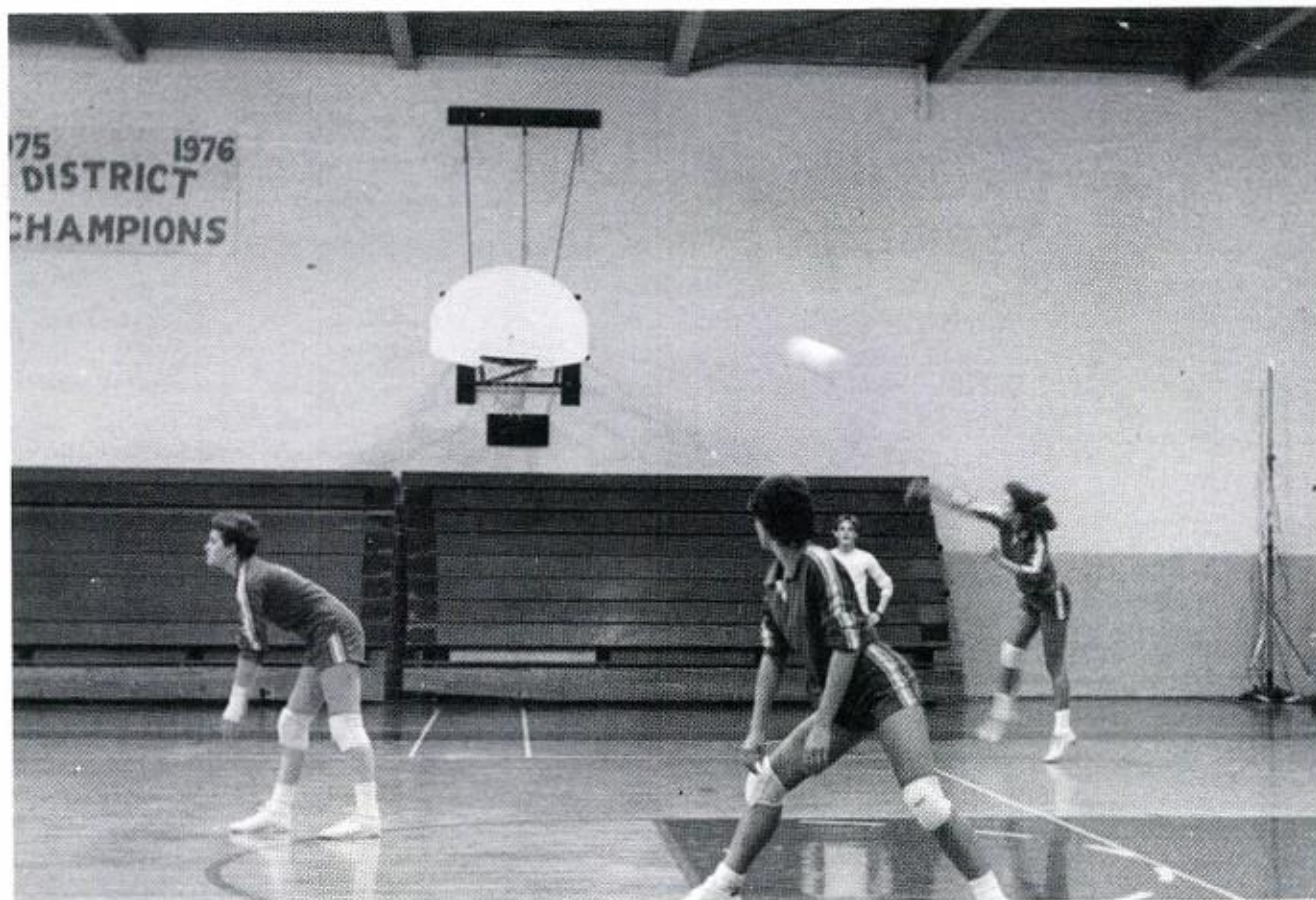


Get 'em Patriots!



Kimberly Wilson sets the ball.

Standing: Manager Nicole Clary, Kelly Thompson, Sarah Corley, Katie Chesnutt, Laura Gillie, Cindy White, Amanda Rickman and Coach Laurie Burkhart. Kneeling: Tena Green, Angela Edwards, Sherri Brady, Kimberly Wilson, and Lorrie Blackwell.



Cindy White serves the ball over.

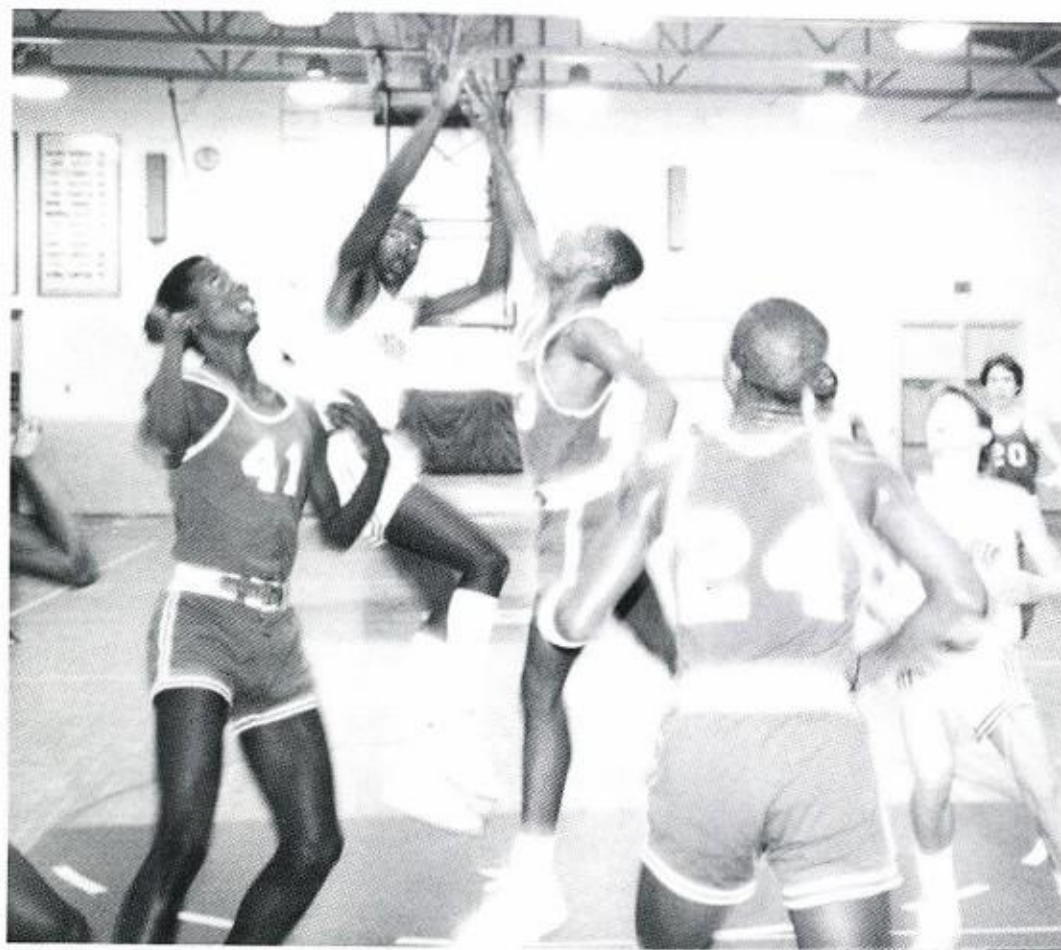
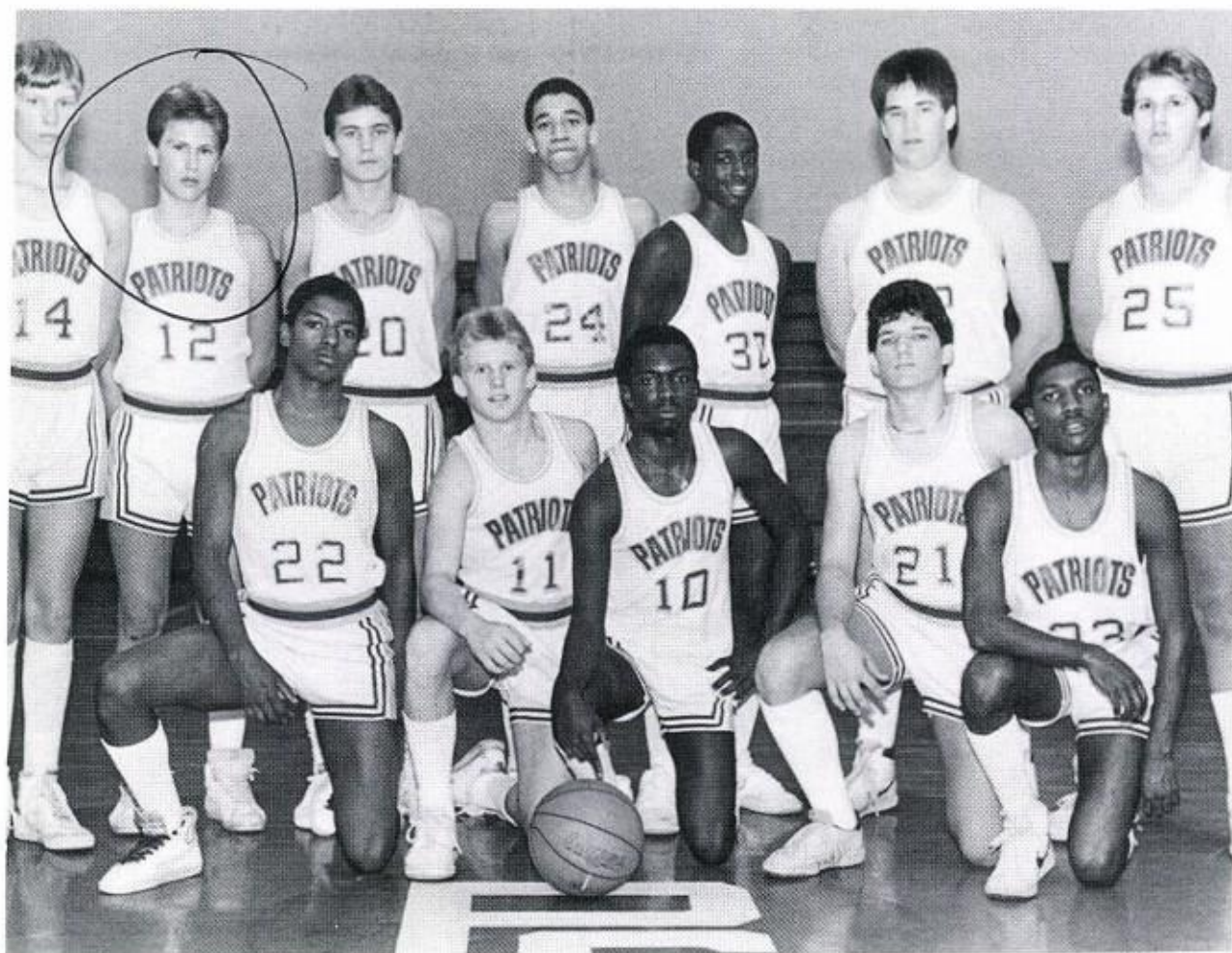
Scoreboard

Opponent	Won	Lost
NCSD	2	0
East Rutherford	2	0
Landrum	2	0
Landrum	2	0
East Rutherford	2	0
Hendersonville	1	2
Edneyville	0	2
Rosman	2	1
Hendersonville	0	2
Edneyville	0	2
Rosman	2	1
NCSD	2	0

Making an effort

The J.V. basketball team has put forth a good effort this year even though they have fallen short in most of their games. Sophomore Dwayne Carson has been an asset to the team with his rebounding and scoring. Robert Proctor, also a sophomore, has been very strong on the boards. Lyle Stott, a sophomore playing his first year, has done a good job at point guard. Also adding to the effort have been Jonathan Bradshaw, Tim A. Jackson, Tim W. Jackson, Chucky McEntyre and Marty McGuinn.

(Standing) Marty McGuinn, Johnny Womack, Tim W. Jackson, Robert Proctor, Dwayne Carson, Ricky Conner, Jonathan Bradshaw.
(Kneeling) Tim A. Jackson, Preston McEntire, Chucky McEntyre, Lyle Stott, Eric Miller.



Chucky McEntyre tries for two points.



Robert Proctor goes high to block a shot.

Ty Cantrell fights for the ball.



Coach Terrell ponders her next move.



Jeff Sheehan gets up for a rebound in the Blue-White game.

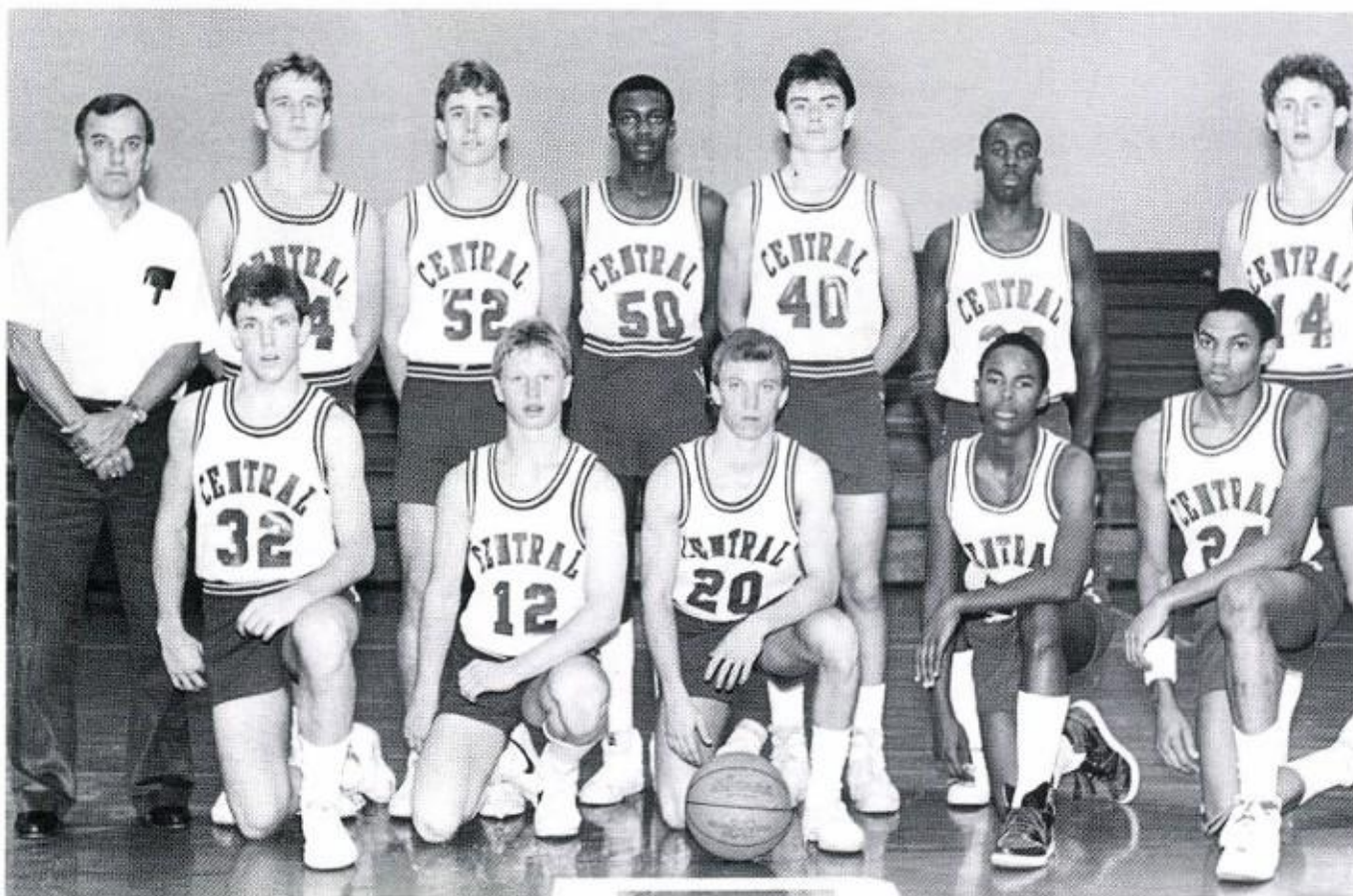
Coach Burkhart discusses strategy during a timeout.



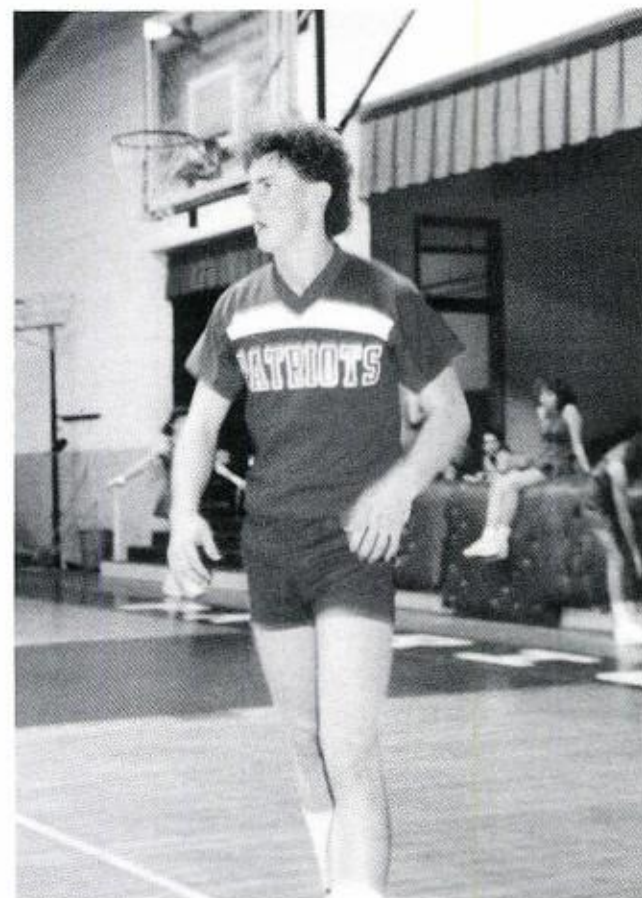
Aiming for the goal



Front row: Frankie Womack, Craig Collins, Jeff Sheehan, Melvin Godlock, Paul Wilkins. Back row: Coach Stokes Sheehan, Ty Cantrell, Gary Nelson, Ray Wilkins, Scott Flynn, Larry Johnson, Tim Pruitt.



Traffic gets heavy under the board.



Tim Pruitt gets ready for action.

Frankie Womack and Ty Cantrell try to get into position for the rebound.



The Patriots warm up before taking on Chase High School.

Jeff Sheehan lets go with a jump shot during warm-up.



Striving for success

Our record is currently 3-6 having lost several close games. At this point in the season we are looking forward to begin playing our conference schedule. Tammy Thompson is our leading scorer, while Kim Wilson does a fine job playing the point guard position and Laura Gillie has been providing senior leadership. Freshman Keila Lynch starts at center. Others that see considerable playing time are Amanda Rickman, junior Wanda Carson and Sophomore Michelle Clary. Other team members provide valuable support. A complete scoreboard will appear in the supplement.

(Kneeling) Jennifer Morgan, Michelle Clary, Terri Lynch, Kim Wilson, Amanda Rickman and Tammy Thompson. (Standing) Peggy Ridings, Deborah Simpson, Laura Gillie, Keila Lynch, Paulette Riddell, Tina Jackson, Coach Laurie Burkhardt.

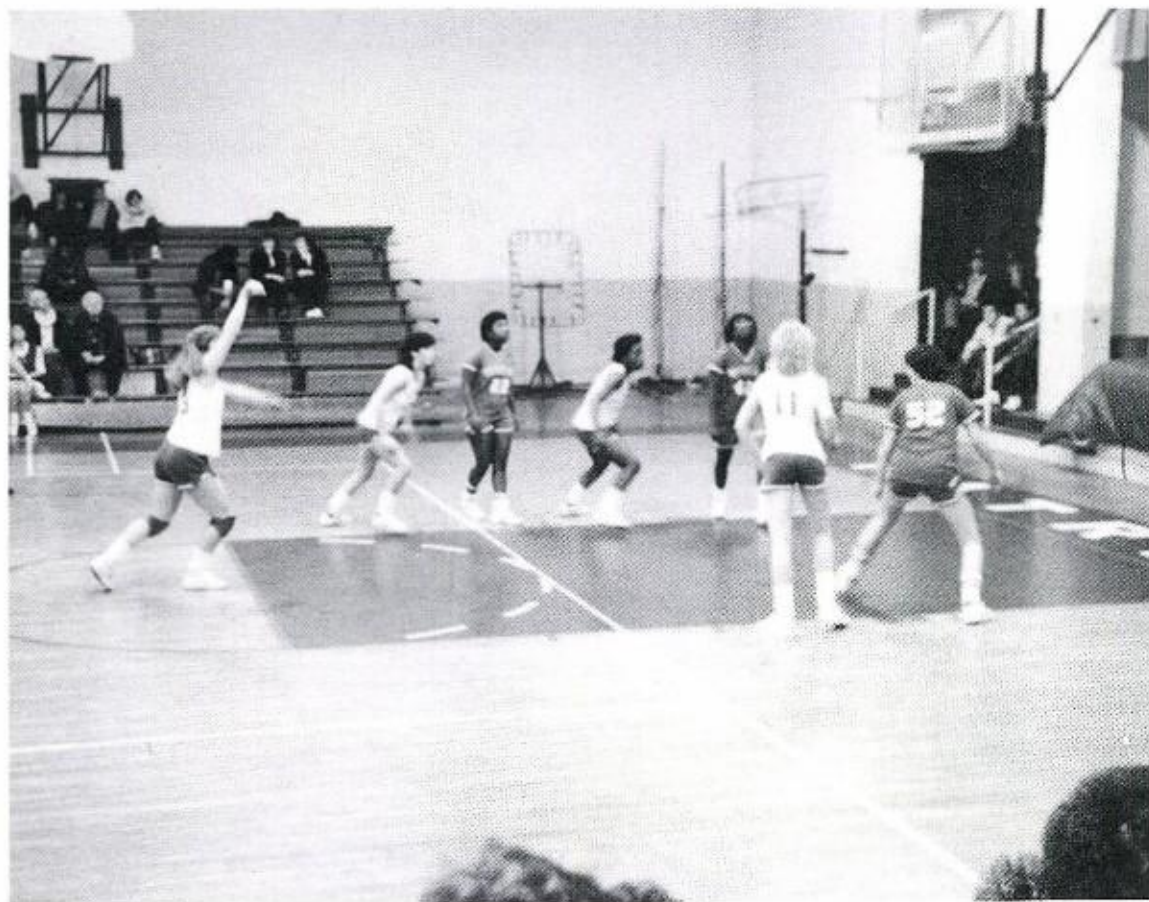


Keila Lynch tries to work the ball inside.

Coach Burkhardt gives instructions from the sideline.



Tammy Thompson throws up a foul shot.



Wanda Carson thinks about trying an outside shot.



Both teams go for the rebound!



Kim Wilson attempts the first of a one and one.

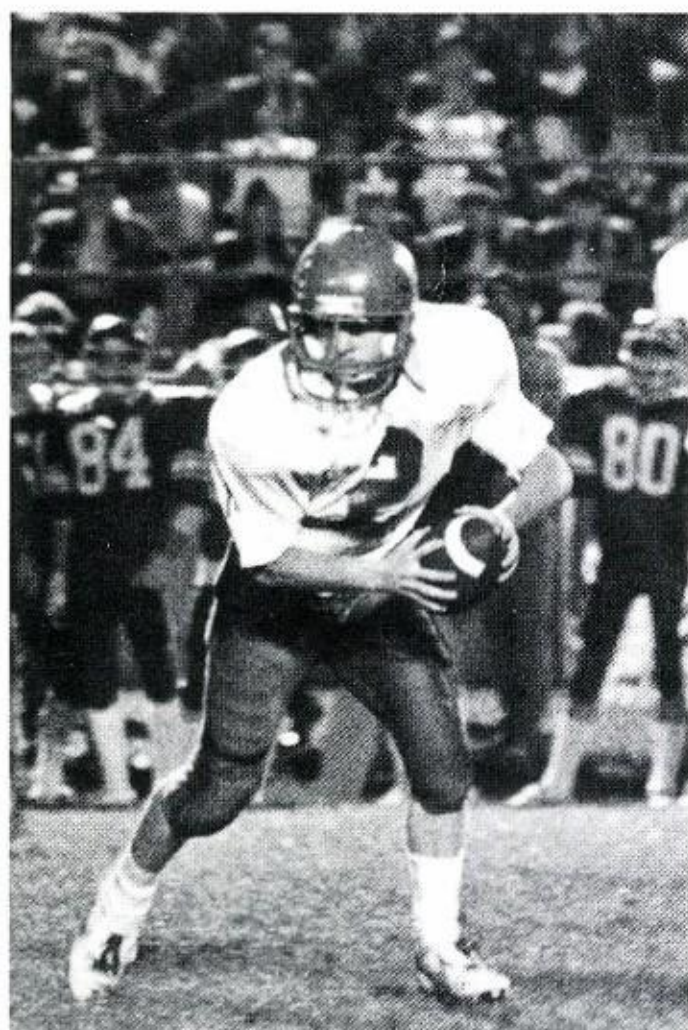
Junior Varsity Football

*Have nice summer
Christopher Black*

Scoreboard

Landrum	17	PC	6
Chesnee	28	PC	13
Jonesville	36	PC	6
Chapman	32	PC	15
Broome	34	PC	0
Blue Ridge	24	PC	0

Members of the J.V. Football team include Trip Lowe, Joey McCue, Christopher Black, Tim Carson, Barney Foster, Kevin Hudson, Tim A. Jackson, Chris LeGuire, Antwand Miller, Todd Kropp, Dale Horton, John Keller, Barry Painter, and Tim W. Jackson. Their coach is Larry Foster and the manager is Otis Logan.



Craig Collins prepares to pass the ball in the playoff against Swain.



Gary Nelson goes for a tackle in the Tryon game.

Junior High Football



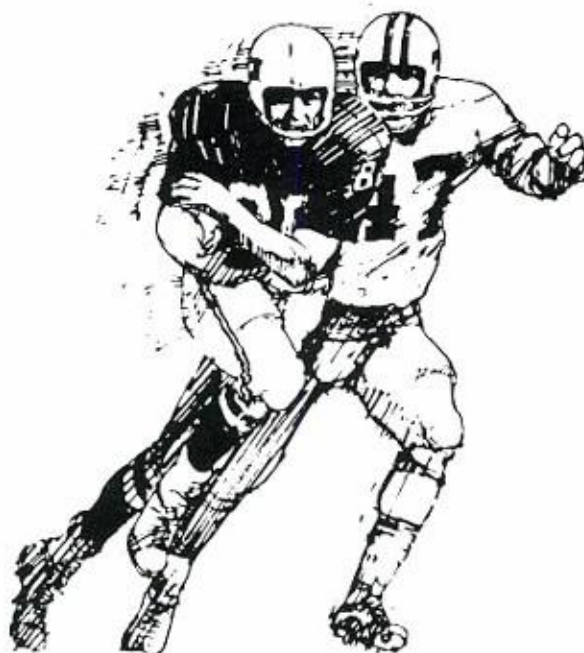
Scoreboard

Campobello	22	PC	6
Landrum	36	PC	0
Tryon	6	PC	0
Chesnee	36	PC	6
Chesnee	36	PC	0

Members of the 7-8 Football Team include Shane Jackson, Tommy Aley, Bart Cole, Brian Wilson, Lamonde Twitty, Michael Waddell, Keith Nelson, Chad Raburn, Matthew Davis, Bryan Williams, Johnny Jackson, Alfred Miller, Jeff Ramsey, Tim Gosnell, Kevin Fisher, Dean Gilbert, Chad Wagner, David Price, Keith Painter, (Dawn McEntire, Dawn Wilkerson, managers) Their coach is David Neeld. *Adrian Miller*



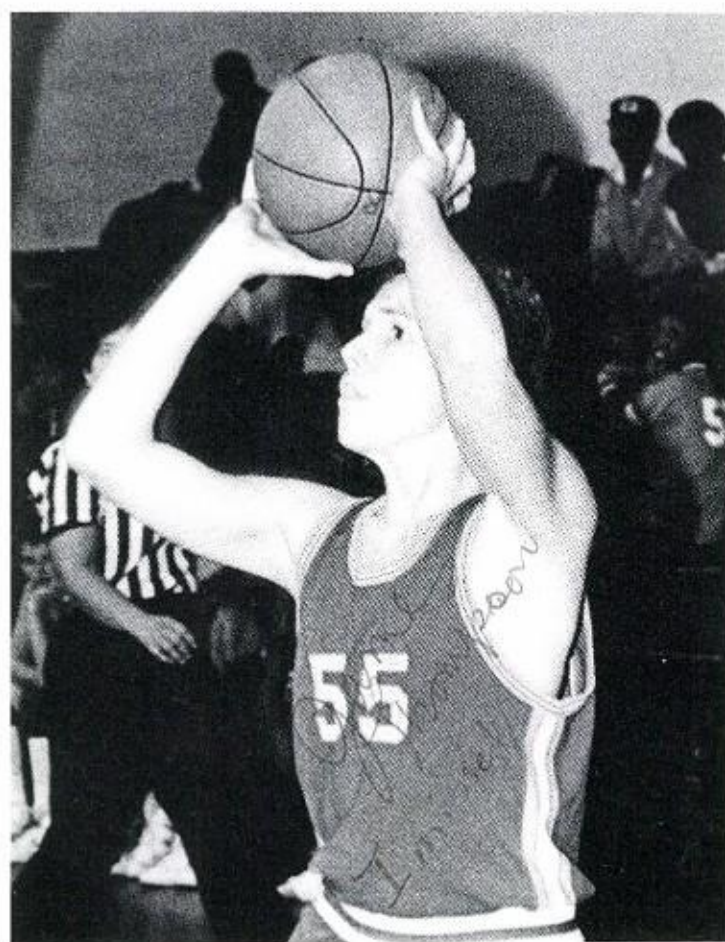
Patty Gibbs, Junior Homecoming Queen, gets a kiss from team member Bart Cole.



Shooting for a win

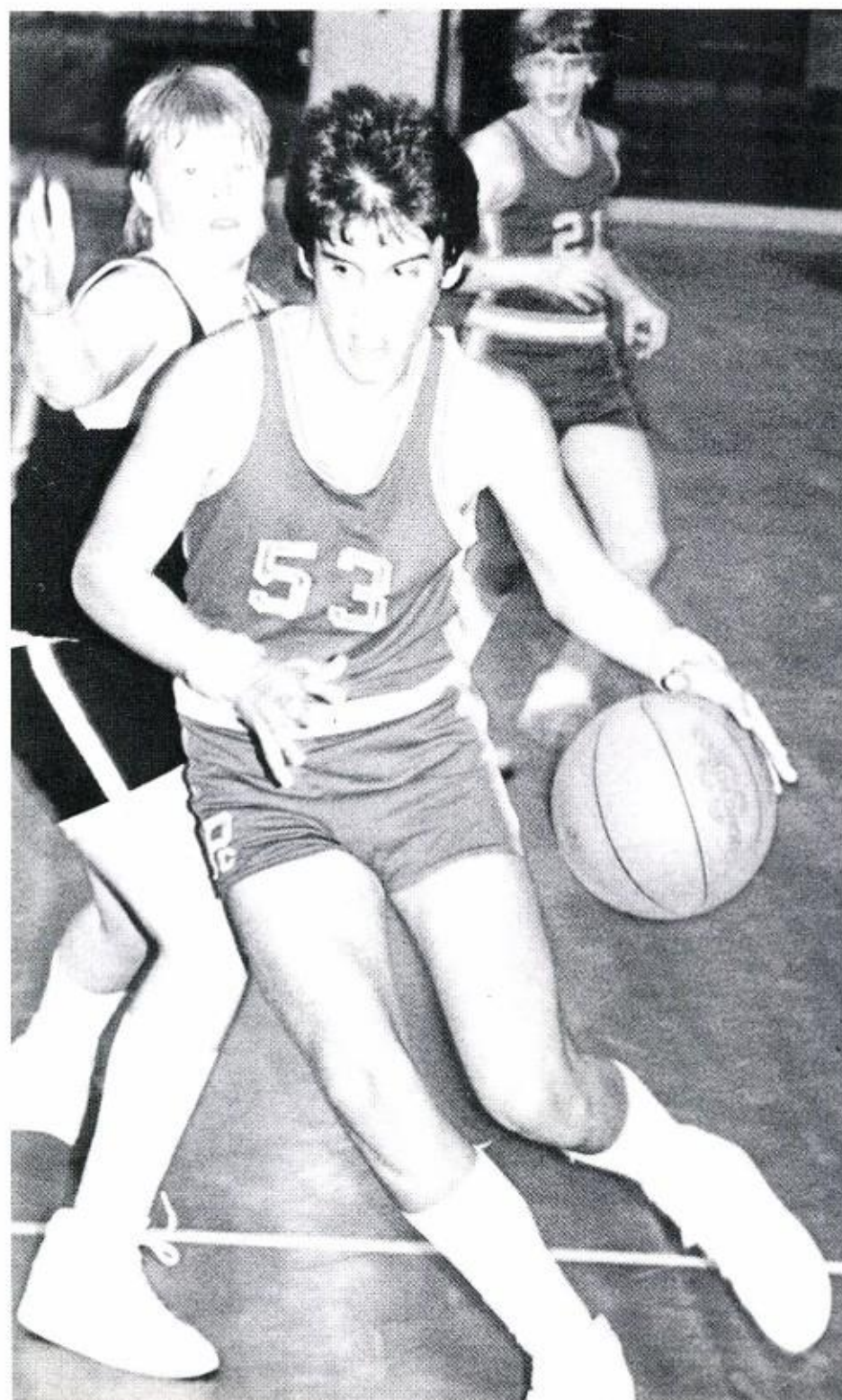
Coaching 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball this year is Patrick Hines. After winning only two of their first six games, their goal is to improve their record before the season is over. They practice every week-day when no game is scheduled. Leading in scoring and on defense are Kevin Fisher, Antwand Miller and Otis Logan.

Back row: Tyrone Stott, Otis Logan, Antwand Miller, Chauncey Barber, Alfred Miller, James Thompson; Front row: Tyrone Twitty, Keith Nelson, Travis Callahan, Bryan Williams and Brian Wilson. (Not pictured, Kevin Fisher.)



James Thompson tries for two.

Kevin Fisher drives in for a lay-up.

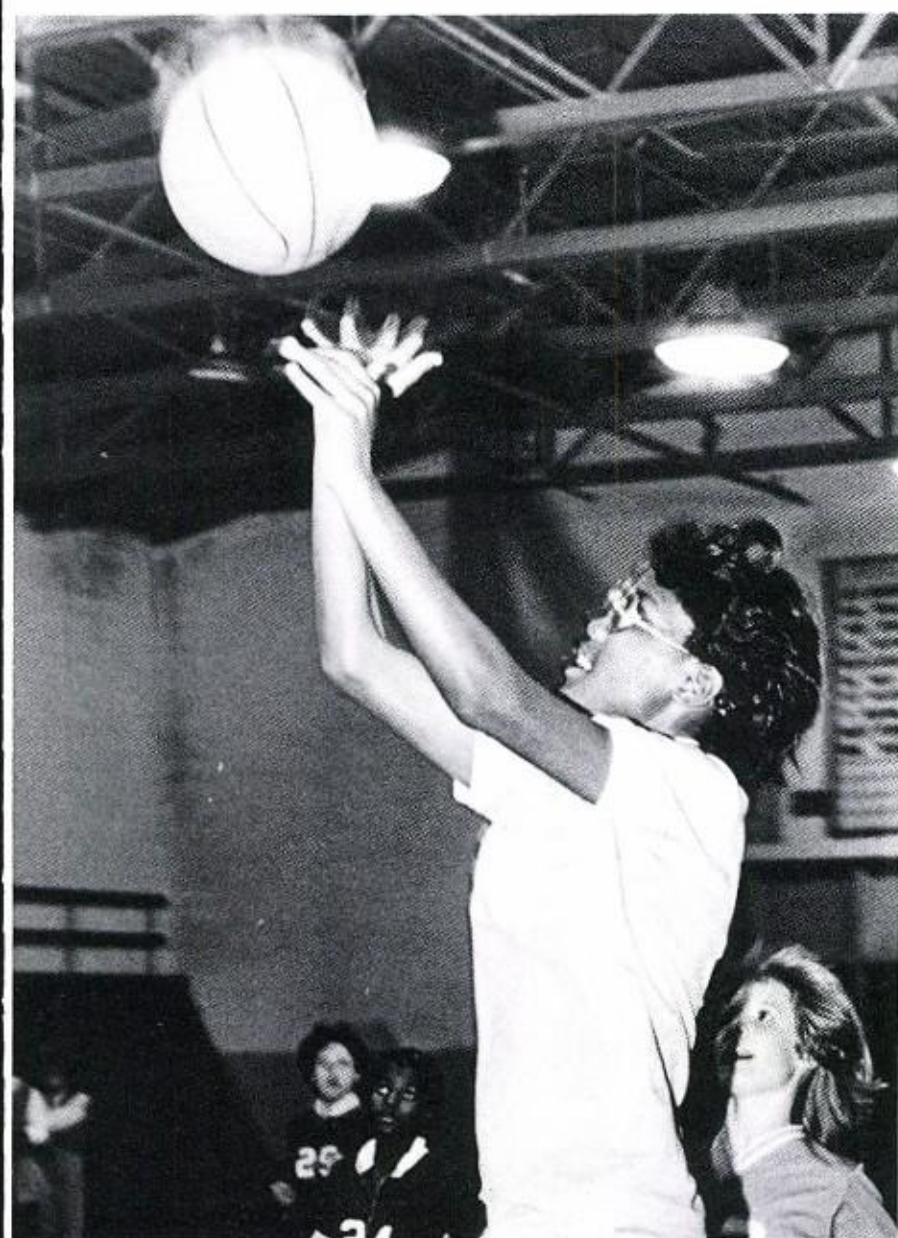


To be undefeated is our goal



According to Coach Cynthia Terrell, "This year's 7-8 girls' basketball team is undoubtedly one of the best teams I've ever coached." She attributes this to the outstanding play of her 8th graders and her very talented 7th graders. She has a total of 16 teams members. Their major goal is to have an undefeated season.

Back row: Sheila Anderson, Holly McDowell, Nicole Clary, Shirley Williams, Monica Rogers, Donna Dawson, Sherri Rogers, Candi Spicer, Coach Cynthia Terrell. Front row: Manager Angie Collins, Tonya Jackson, Evonnie Suber, Catina Thompson, Tina Price, LeighAnn Metcalf, Misty Wilson, Gippy Hill and Candace Barnett.



Monica Rogers lays one in.



We've made it to the top

The 1986 Varsity Cheerleaders attended NCA Cheerleading Camp at Furman University in July for five days. While there we won five blue ribbons, and one red ribbon for our performances. We won the spirit stick for continuing enthusiasm twice which allowed us to bring it home.

Our sponsor is Mrs. Robin Foster, who attended camp with us while she was eight months pregnant, which makes it safe to say she has been our most-dedicated sponsor. Our captains are Cindy White and Angie Miller. With cooperation from our entire squad we have been able to improve greatly!

We sponsored activities for Homecoming week, a Homecoming Dance, a Halloween Dance and with the Student Council co-sponsored a Christmas Dance.



Varsity Cheerleaders include Cindy White, Captain; Lisa Wilson; Angie Miller, Captain; Lisa McFalls, Kim Lynch, Tammy Tapp, Lorrie Blackwell, Tena Greene, Kati Chesnutt and Stephanie Skipper.

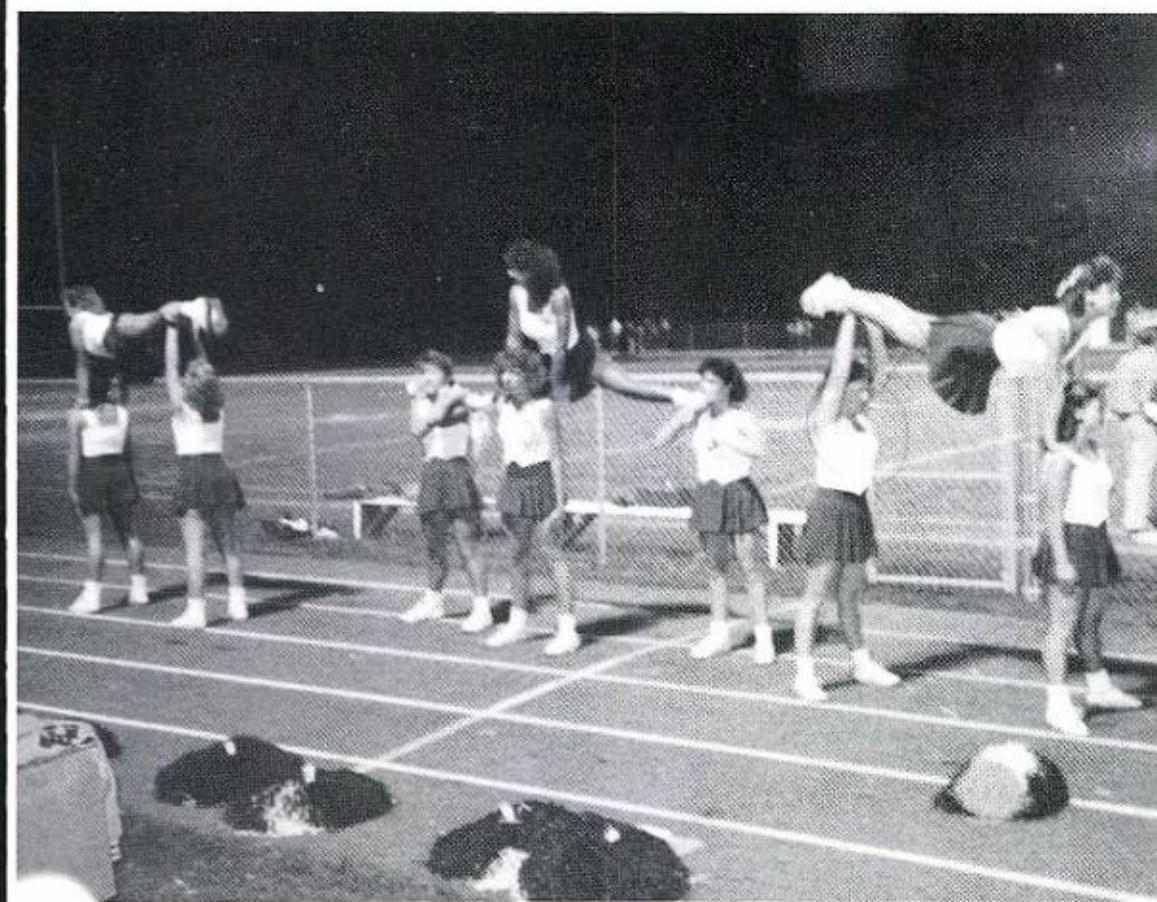
Jackie Womack and Shannon West help boost school spirit as mascots.

Cheerleaders join other students in a cheer at the bonfire pep rally.





Senior members of the squad are Lisa McFalls, Tammy Tapp, Cindy White (Captain), Angie Miller (Captain), Lisa Wilson, and Kim Lynch.



"There ain't no competition" the Varsity Cheerleaders tell us.



Varsity Cheerleaders cheer their team on at the playoff bonfire/pep rally.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

The 1985-86 Junior Varsity Cheerleaders may not be as good as some others but are dedicated to their job. They are currently wearing the varsity's old uniforms, hoping to get new ones.

Their sponsor, Brenda Gallman, is the mother of one of the cheerleaders, Tana Tapp. She accepted that duty during the summer to help them meet their goal of becoming a good cheerleading squad.



Junior Varsity Cheerleaders are Wendi Wolfe, Tana Tapp (Captain), Yvette Pruitt, Gretchin Hinson and Angel Gilbert. (Not pictured is Ann Nelson.)

The Junior High Cheerleaders practice once a week. Some of their activities include sponsoring a Junior High Homecoming Dance, selling spirit links, and homecoming pins. Their sponsor is Teresa Hales.



Members of the 7-8 Cheerleading squad include Staci Flynn, Julie Horne, Kerry Wolfe, Amanda Owensby, Tonya Nelson, Adrienne Staley, Nikki Smith, Kim Jackson, Michelle Finch, Jenny Blackwell, and Tina Nelson. (Not pictured is Stacy McCall, Captain).

Junior High Cheerleaders



Pam Dodd, Teresa Hill and Kati Chesnutt observe hat and sunglasses day as a homecoming week activity.

Catina Thompson is a "tacky tourist."



Academics

A discovery curriculum

Health Occupations Education is a discovery curriculum. H.O.I studies the variety of positions available in the health care industry. H.O. II students such as these actually learn the steps to finding a position as well as the skills needed to keep that position.

These H.O. II students also do one to two weeks rotations in many local health care offices and clinics including St. Luke's Hospital. Health Occupations students study substance abuse, First Aid and have training in C.P.R. They are also involved in human services projects such as the Health Fair which allows them to provide a valuable service to the people of the communities in which they live and learn.

Randi Scholl, instructor, demonstrates the Heimlich maneuver.



Karl Kropp "chatters" with a friend.

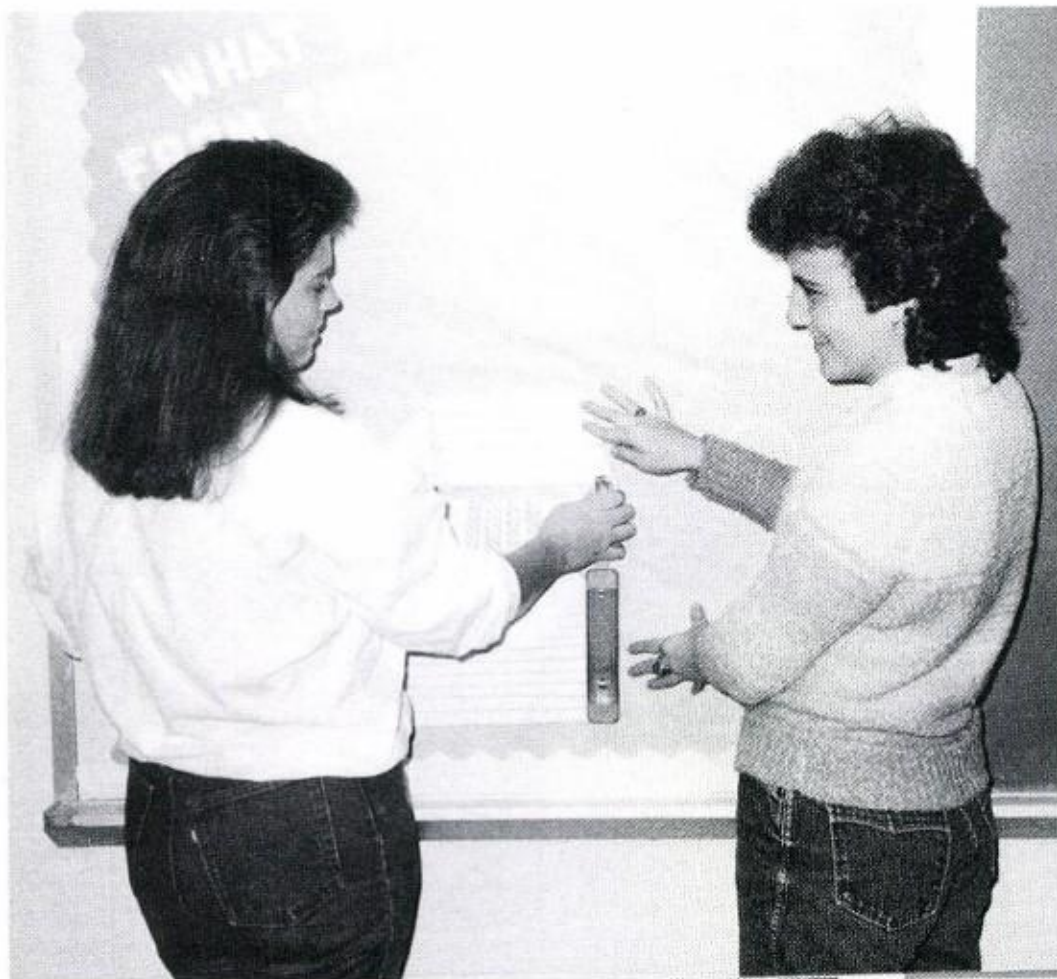


Tim Lanning, Wanda McDade and Annette Reid practice CPR on an infant.

The class studies a model of the internal organs of the body.



Tim examines a model of the eye.

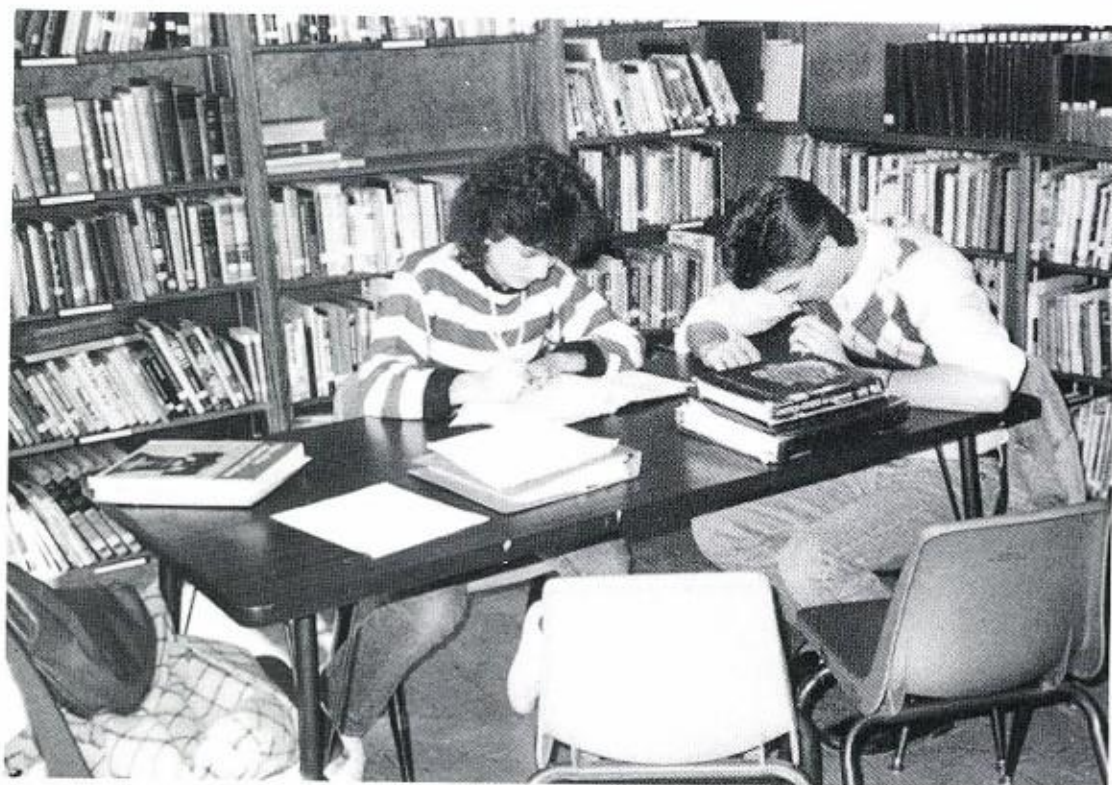
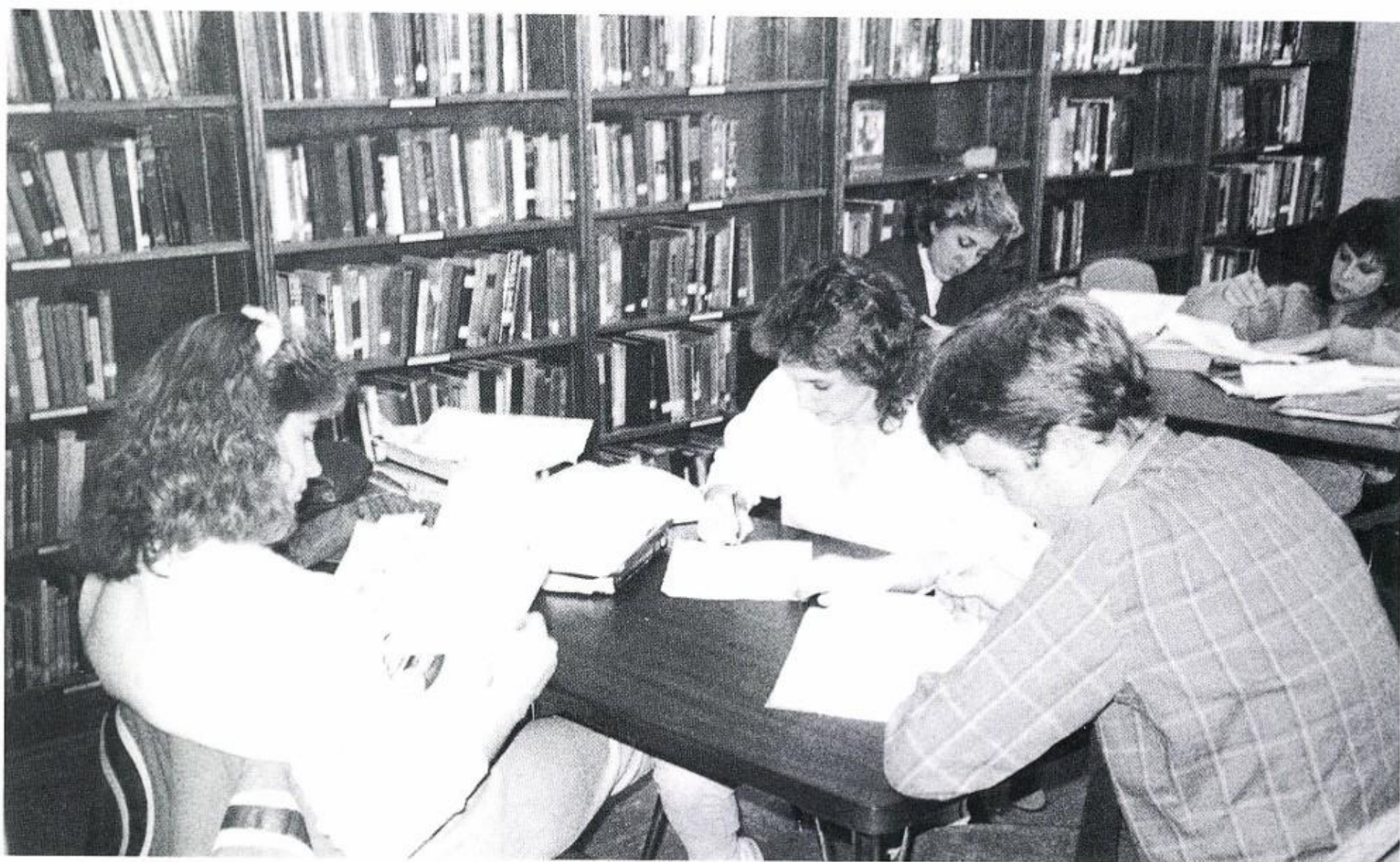


Annette and Wanda complete a bulletin board on drugs.

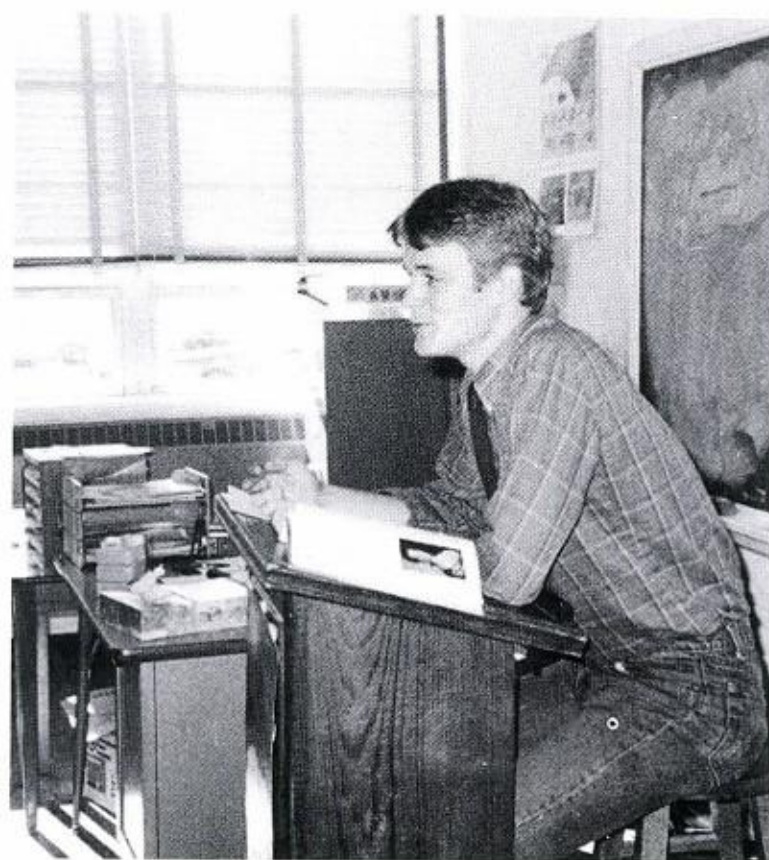


The class also studied about the dangers of drinking and driving.

Tammy, Ty and Kim do research in the library for the lesson they will teach.

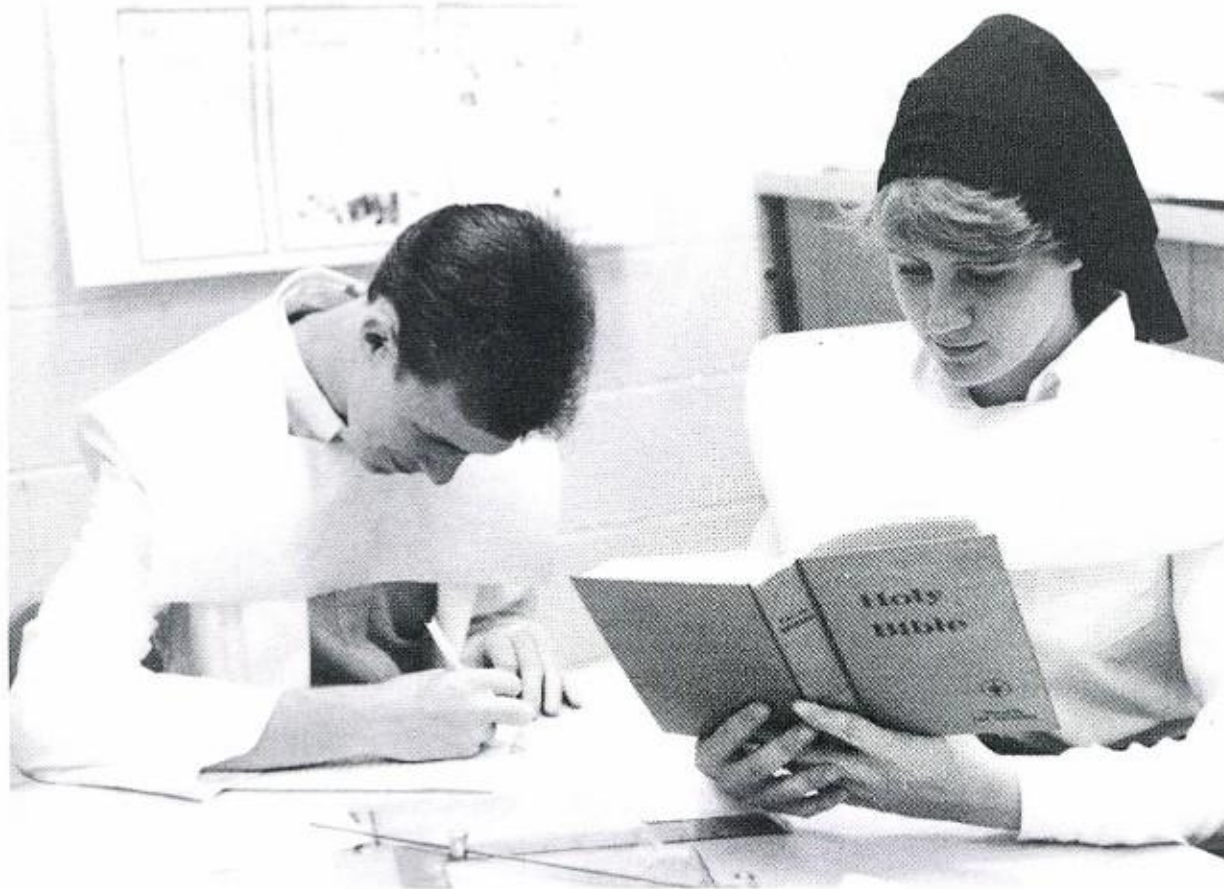


Tracy and Mike plan the test they will give.



Ty Cantrell delivers a lecture on creating a revolution.

A different approach



Some juniors took a different approach to the study of American Literature and American History this year. Janice Brumley and Jean Pettigrew together mapped out a closely related course of study for their students in these two classes. Some of their goals were to trace history from Colonial times to the present and to gain perspective on America and Americans by reading, analysis, and discussion of literature, history and related philosophies and cultural aspects.

Puritan Niki wastes no time while Tammy does required reading.



Kimberly Wilson works diligently as good Puritans should.



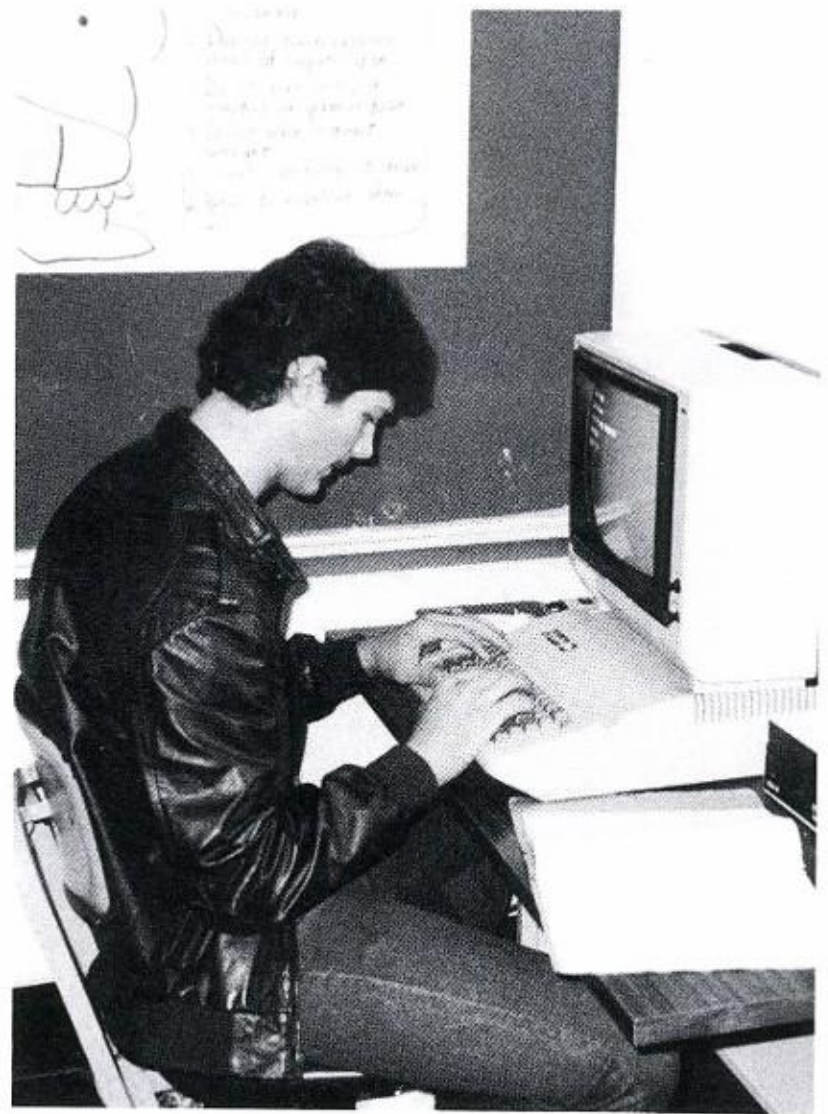
Is Puritan Teresa a "marked woman"?



Industrious Puritans are Vicki and Lorrie.

Johnny Eubanks types in a program.

Paula Lanning looks on as Lynn Shroyer uses the word processor.

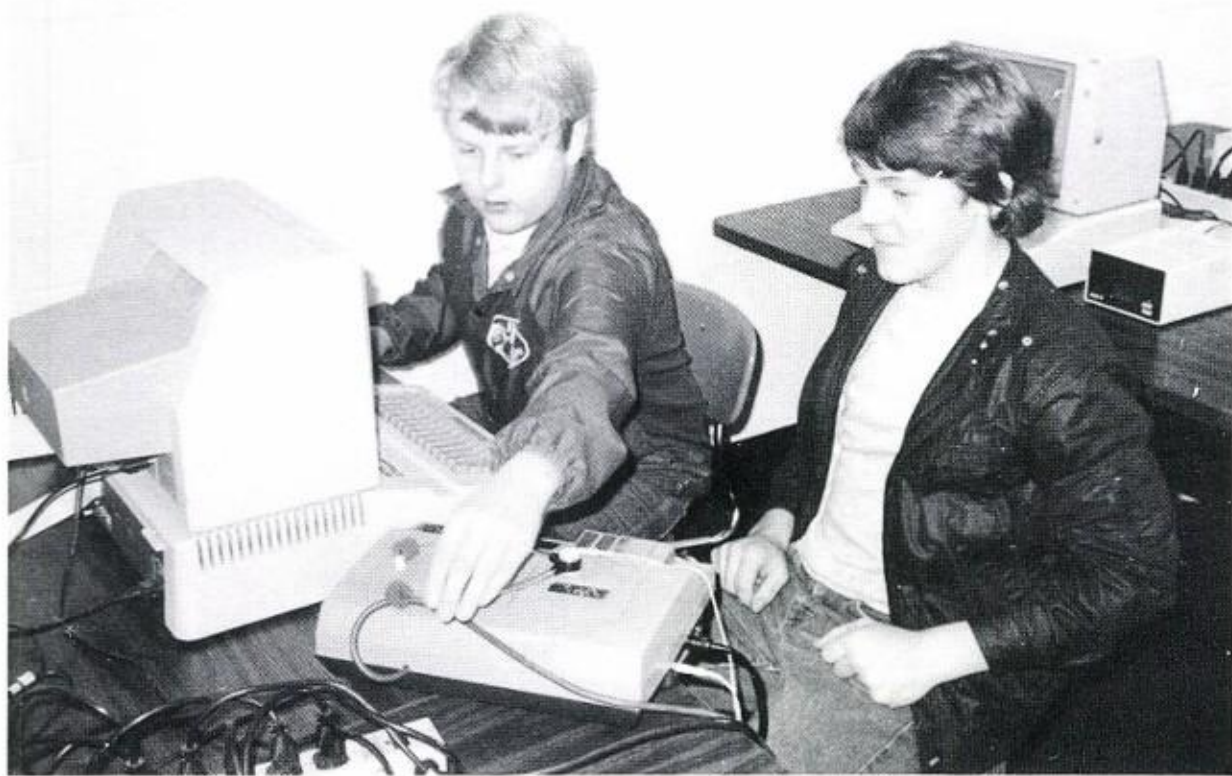


Paulette Riddell practices her keyboarding.



Tammy Tapp instructs Juan Carlos on computer techniques.

Instructor Keith Crain looks on as students work on a program.



Tim Wilson demonstrates to Brett Haynes how to use the dictaphone.

Computers have a number of varied uses. Two of these are programming and Word Processing. Our curriculum includes a program in each of these areas. Keith Crain teaches Computer Programming I and II as well as an introductory course. Anna Gillie is the instructor for the Word Processing program. Classes in these two areas give students a headstart if they are seeking positions in computer-related vocations.

Getting a headstart

Unlimited vocational opportunities

Amy Lawrence pours tea for members of her cooking group.

Home Economics is more than cooking and sewing! Budgeting, child care services, family relations, grooming, interior decoration—, these are but a few of the topics studied in Linda Ligon's home economics classes.

Kim Halford prepares French bread to go with her meal.



Paula Staley and Lisa Abrams prepare a bulletin board for Child Care.



In the Child Care Services program, classroom sessions are alternated with practical experience at various child care centers.

Activities



Mark, Darrell, Genie, Jeff and Angela relax during lunch break.

Bus Drivers

Bus drivers include Jackie Smith, Leroy Bishop, Brenda Pack, Donna Dimsdale, Larry Foster, Genie Ruff, Charles Gosnell, Joe Whiteside, Pat Whitmire, Averette Haney, Michael Womack, Gary Nelson and Keith Crain.

If you like getting up at 5:30 a.m., trying to start a bus on a 10⁰ morning, and then listening to 25-30 screaming teenagers for the next half hour, then you should be a bus driver. Otherwise, be thankful that we have persons, like these, who can and will do the job for us. Leroy Bishop is in charge of bus drivers.



The Junior Math Club exists solely for the purpose of preparing interested students for the math contest given to four students in 7th and 8th grades from area schools. The regional contest will be in Asheville in February.

Junior Math Club



(Front row) Velva Brown, Nikki Smith, Donna Dawson, Paula Hardin, Shea Watson. (Back row) James Thompson, Misty Wilson, Caitlin Watson, Bart Cole, Jeff Dimsdale.

Thomas Taylor, sponsor, demonstrates an experiment for members Mike Mower, Connie McCall, Patricia Frye and Angie Miller.



Science Club

The Science Club exists to stimulate interest in science through guest speakers, field trips and other group activities. Their planned activities include a trip to Oak Ridge National Laboratories, a Halley's Comet watch, and student use of computers in scientific studies. Officers are Connie McCall, President; Patricia Frye, Vice-Pres.; Angie Miller, Secretary; and Genie Ruff, Treasurer.



(Front row) Dawn McEntire, Sissi Frye, Amanda Crow, Satasha Evans, Paulette Riddell, Lisa Bivens, Dawn Gallo. (2nd row) William Teague, Patricia Frye, Denise Gilbert, Bonna Tucker, Paula Lanning, Frankie Cochran, Darren Lynch. (3rd row) Tena Helton, Angie Miller, Genie Ruff, Lisa Wilson, Connie McCall, Cheryl Rickman. (4th row) Dawn Wilkerson, Bart Cole, David Bivens, Jeff Gibbs, Frankie Womack, Renny Dedmondt.

Senior Beta Club members include (front row) **Lori Walker, Sec.-Treas.; Donna Dimsdale, President; Lisa Barnette, Vice-Pres.; Kelly Thompson, Reporter.** (2nd row) **Tom Edwards, sponsor;** Gary Nelon, Laura Harrison, Paulette Riddell, Shannon West. (3rd row) Jeff Gibbs, Kim M. Wilson, Julie Lanning, Lisa Phillips. (back row) Michael Womack, Brenda Gibbs, Lisa Wilson, Amanda Rickman, Ty Cantrell, Niki Ravan.

Beta Club

sponsors Book Fair

The Senior Beta Club is a service-leadership club for 11th and 12th grade students who have maintained a high academic average and have been approved by the faculty. The club operates to reward merit, encourage effort and promote high ideals among high school students. Our activities include the Book Fair, a Christmas door-decorating contest, and a Talent show.



Mark Metcalf, Don Jolley and Mark Shehan examine books at the Book Fair.

Brenda, Beverly and Pam try to decide which book to purchase.

Inducted in a Harvest Ceremony are Lisa Phillips, Julie Lanning, Kim M. Wilson, Shannon West, Michael Mower, Niki Ravan, Michael Womack and Ty Cantrell.



The club visited National Beta Headquarters in Spartanburg, S.C.

Officers of the club are proud of the copier they helped purchase.

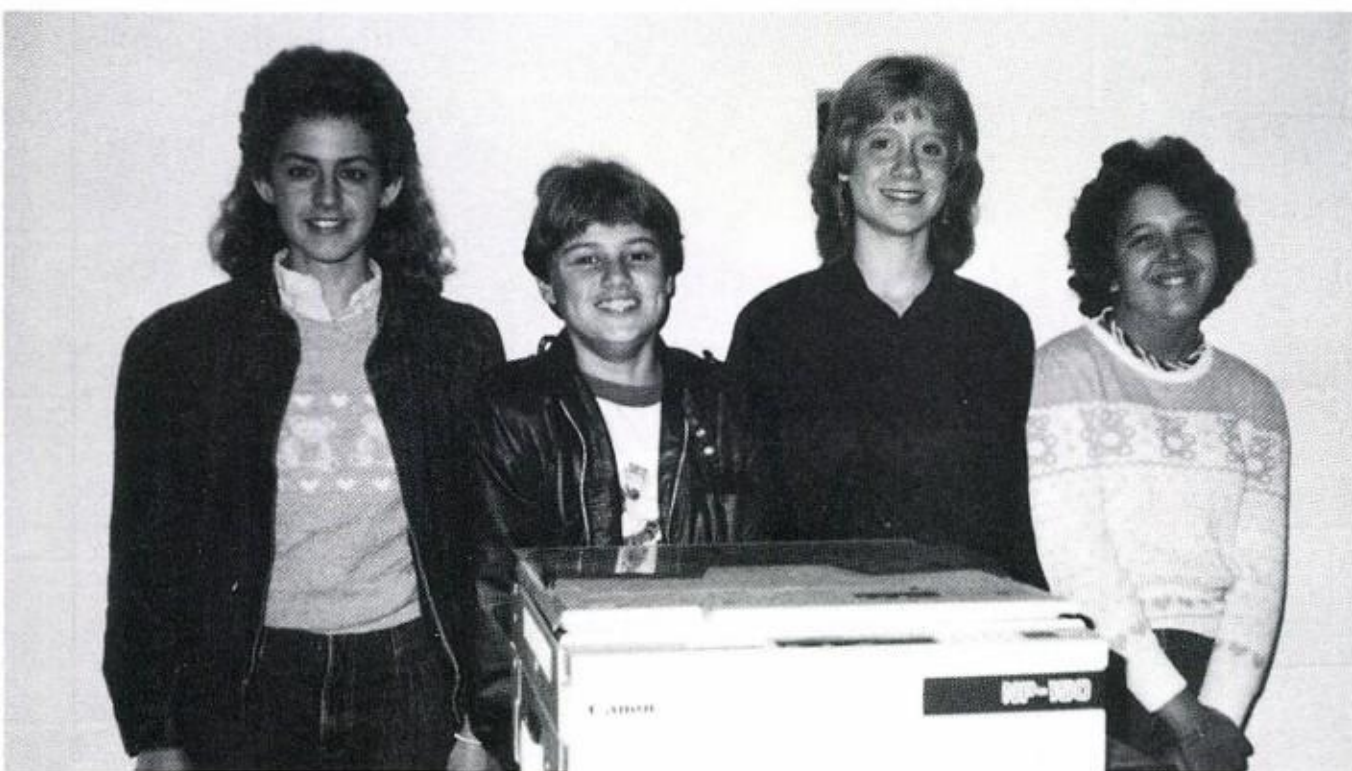


Why is Mrs. Summers hiding her face??

The purpose of this club is to encourage achievement and reward merit and promote those qualities of character that make for good citizenship in the school and community. Some of their activities include shopping sprees at Christmas for needy students, serving as guides at PTA Open House, and having a Welcome Dance for the 7th Graders.

Junior Beta

Rewards
Achievement



(front row) Sheila Walker, Treasurer, Catina Thompson, Secretary, Tina Price, President, Mark Shytte, Vice President; Janice Brumley and Janice Summers, Sponsors. (2nd row) J. Dimsdale, M. Finch, N. Smith, B. Sain, C. Barnette, S. Flynn, M. Wilson, S. Anderson, T. Jones, S. Watson. (3rd row) V. Brown, L. Tipton, J. Edwards, C. Searcy, J. Sensing, C. Spicer, G. Hill, D. Dawson, N. Clary, P. Hardin, C. Watson, H. Jackson. (4th row) B. Stott, H. Burgess, C. Jackson, J. Thompson, A. Ruff, C. Wagner, B. Cole, C. Pittman, M. Davis, A. Miller.

Interact

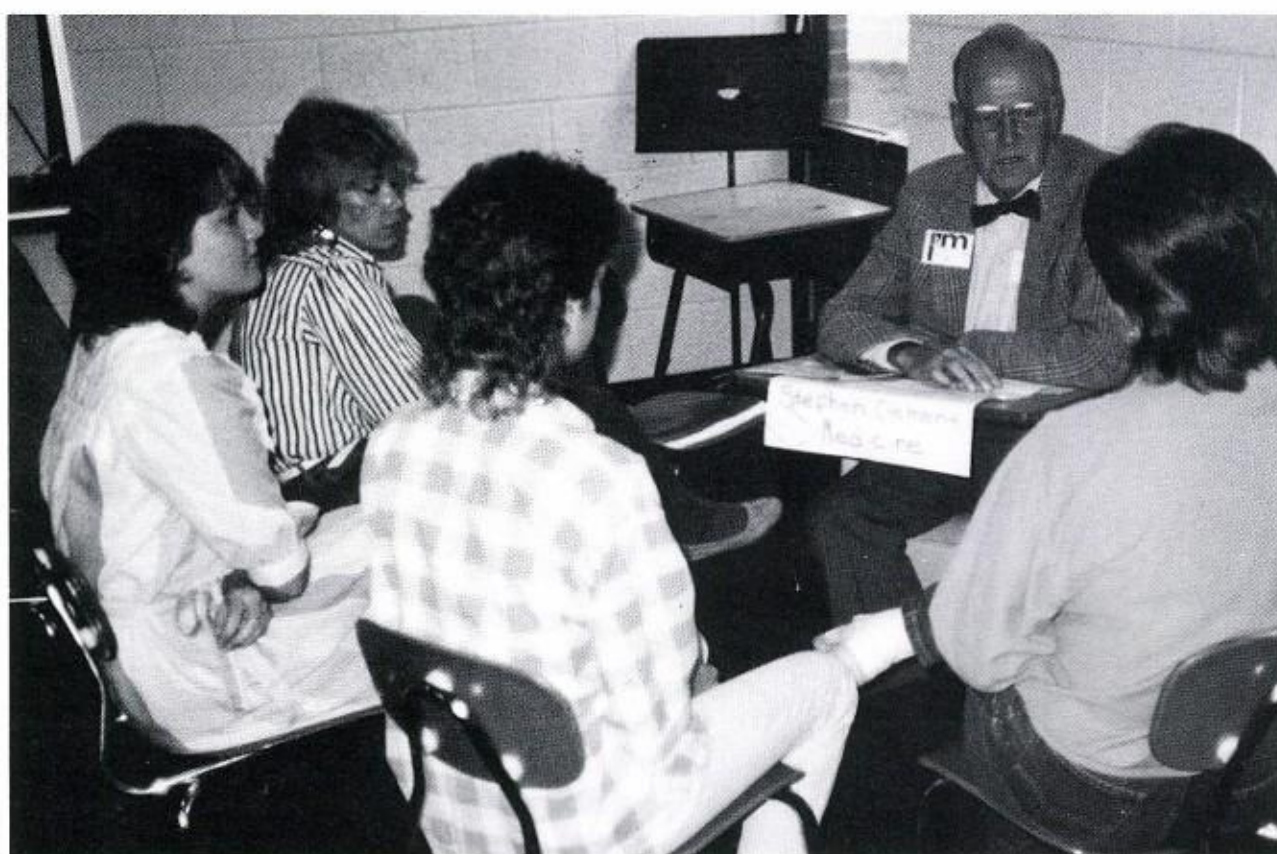
sponsors Career Day

(Front row) Kathy Warren, sponsor; Amanda Rickman, President; Shannon West, Vice-President, Amy Westbrook, Treasurer; Jean Pettigrew, sponsor, (others) L. McFalls, A. Nelson, D. Gallo, T. Thompson, A. Edwards, J. Sheehan, T. Cantrell, D. Dimsdale, G. Ruff, T. Tapp, A. McEntire, S. Stephenson, B. Bell, L. Cunningham, L. Barnette, J. Gibbs, A. Gilbert, K. Richardson, D. Jolley, G. Littlefield, M. Clary, L. Phillips, J. Lanning, K. Wilson, P. Riddell, S. Corley, L. Gillie, C. Black, B. Hensley, W. Jackson, T. Jackson, L. Harrison, A. Miller, L. Wilson, L. Blackwell, C. White, K. Edwards, L. Laughter, B. Gibbs, L. Bivens, T. Lanning, N. Ravan, D. Lynch, G. Nelson, K. Thompson, K. Wilson, A. Ruff, V. Siegfried, T. Greene, T. Lynch, K. Lynch, J. Morgan, T. Tapp, C. McCall, R. Dedmond, J. Wilson, T. Helton, D. Carson, P. Ridings, A. Lynch, T. Stott.



The mother of Interact member Genie Ruff baked this beautiful cake for Career Day.

The Interact Club is a service club sponsored by Rotary of Tryon. Two members attend the Rotary meetings each Monday. Our activities this year include Career Day in November, decorating the halls for Christmas, a Rotarian dinner in the spring and Field Day for the school in the spring.



Ty Cantrell and Mike Mower talk with a Career Day volunteer while Donna Jolley and Tammy Stott listen.

Mr. Clement talks with interested students about a career in the field of medicine.

(Front row) Angela Edwards, Jeff Sheehan, Cindy White. (2nd row) Amy Westbrook, Tena Greene, Kati Chesnutt, Tammy Tapp, Lisa Wilson, (3rd row) Pam Duncan, Angie Edwards, Shannon West, Kimberly Wilson, Tammy Thompson, Carolyn Lane, sponsor; (4th row) Michelle Clary, Amanda Ruff, Vicki Siegfried. (5th row) Eddie Roberts, sponsor; Frankie Womack, Michael Mathis, Darren Lynch, Mark Jackson, Donald Blackwell.



Vicki Siegfried and Kimberly Wilson are baby Martians before becoming Key Club members.

Service to school and community

The purpose of the Key Club is to provide services to the school and community. Their activities include school beautification projects, school service projects, volunteer work for Habitat and service clubs in Polk County and attending the State Key Club Convention. Eddie Roberts and Carolyn Lane are sponsors. Officers are Cindy White, President, Jeff Sheehan, Vice-President, Angela Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer.



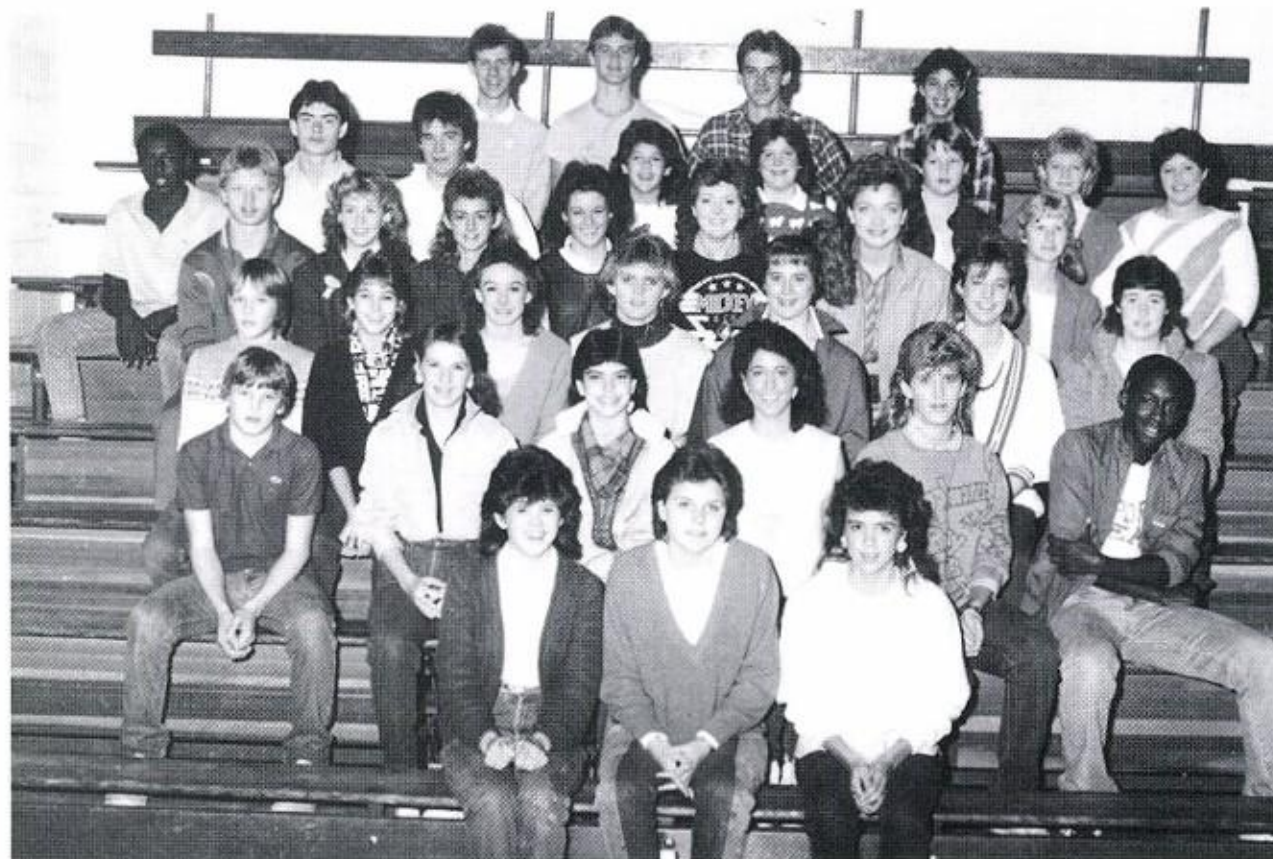
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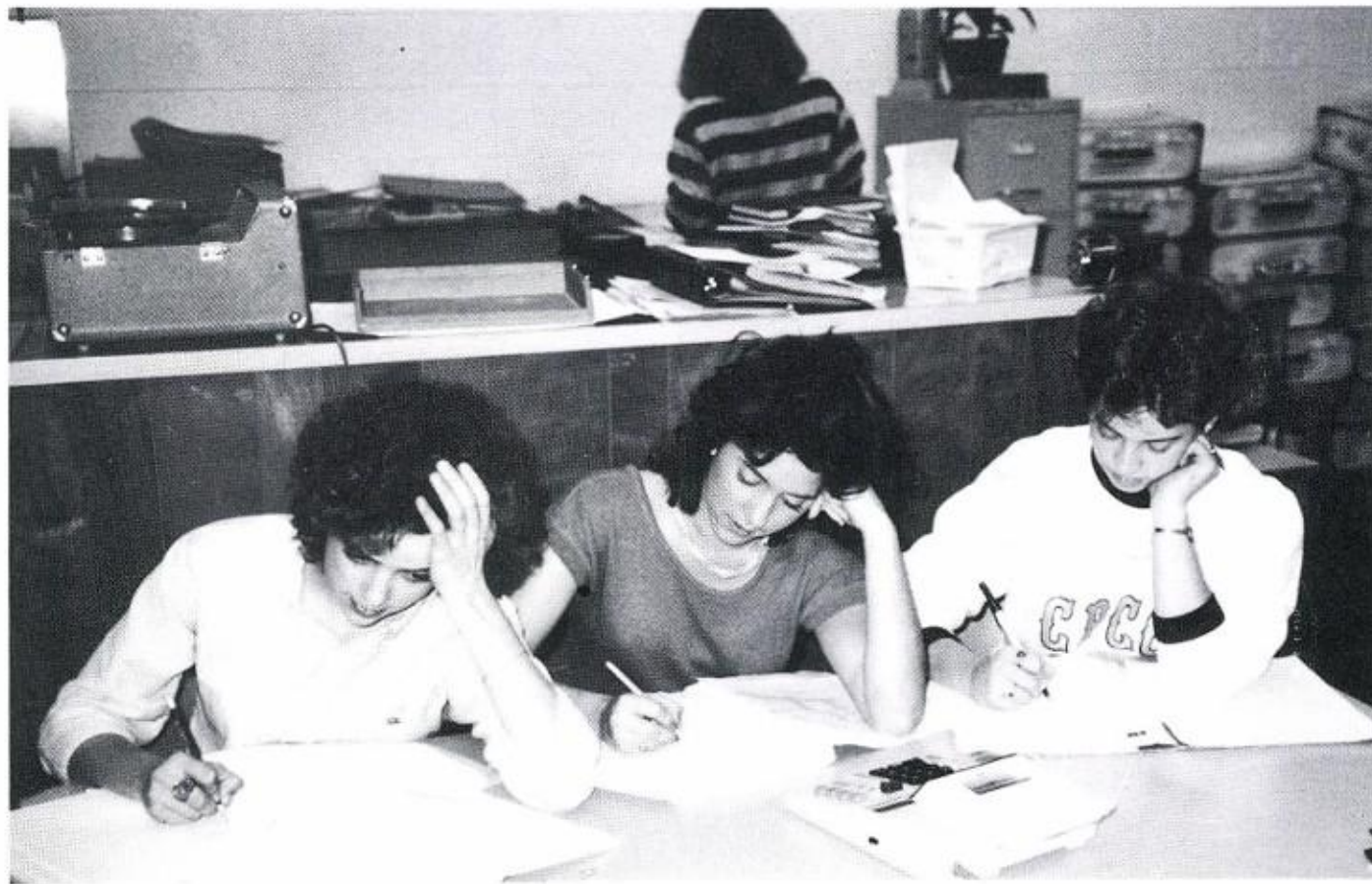
The goal of the Student Council is to improve student-teacher communications, to provide student and teacher activities, to boost school spirit and to improve the school facilities.

The Student Council scheduled two movies in the spring and fall. Other projects include a Christmas Dance, a Senior-Faculty basketball and softball game. New this year was the special student-teacher week in the spring. Bruce Odel is sponsor.

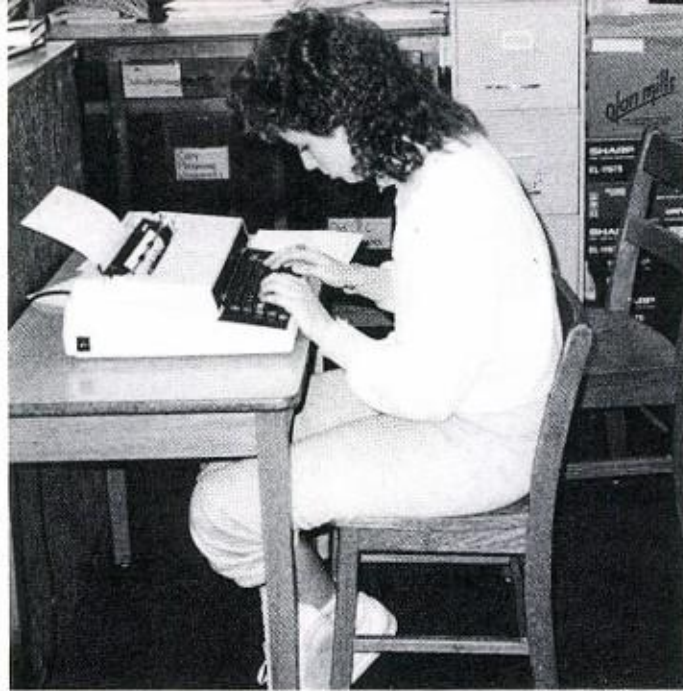
(Front row) Lisa Laughter, Treas.; Amanda Ruff, Sec.; Cheryl Rickman, Pres. (2nd row) Brian Wilson, Krista Edwards, Tracy Thompson, Connie McCall, Karen Splawn, Dwayne Carson. (3rd row) Brian Williams, Terri Lynch, Kimberly Lynch, Genie Ruff, Tammy Thompson, Lisa Wilson, Vicki Nix. (4th row) Craig Collins, Tina Nelon, Tina Price, Staci Flynn, Michelle Clary, Stephanie Skipper, Kim M. Wilson. (5th row) Antwand Miller, Scott Flynn, Ricky Conner, Holly McDowell, Nicole Clary, Deana Greene, Amy Westbrook, Gingi Littlefield. (6th row) Niki Ravan, Ty Cantrell, Robbie Barber, Amanda Rickman.



Wanda Carson served as Vice-President of Student Council.



Cheryl, Connie, and Lisa work to improve their skills in accounting for student government funds.



Newspaper

Staff

1985-1986

Co-Editor Vicki Siegfried strives to meet a deadline.



Sponsor Elizabeth Watson checks articles with Co-Editor Bobby Hensley.



The 85-86 Patriot Press Staff has had a hectic, yet satisfying year—assigning interviews, selling ads, recruiting a new artist—and the satisfaction of meeting deadlines. The reward is the feeling of satisfaction when the finished product comes off the press.

(seated) Sissi Ladas, Bobby Hensley, Vicki Siegfried. (standing) Pam Duncan, Angie Edwards, Tim Pruitt, Wendi Wolfe, Stephanie Skipper, Thomas Burns, Lynn Shroyer, Amanda Crowe, Kimberly Wilson, Dawn Gallo, Elizabeth Watson, Advisor.

(Back row) Pam Bumgardner, Secretary; Paula Lanning, Heather Lawter, Deanna Carson, Angela Staley, Annette Reid. (Front row) Tracy Splawn, Karen Splawn, Keila Lynch, Janice Ponder.



Volunteers

assist Secretary

Several students volunteer to use study hall to work in the school office. These girls distribute mail, run errands and deliver messages. Their assistance is essential in carrying out the many responsibilities of the school secretary.

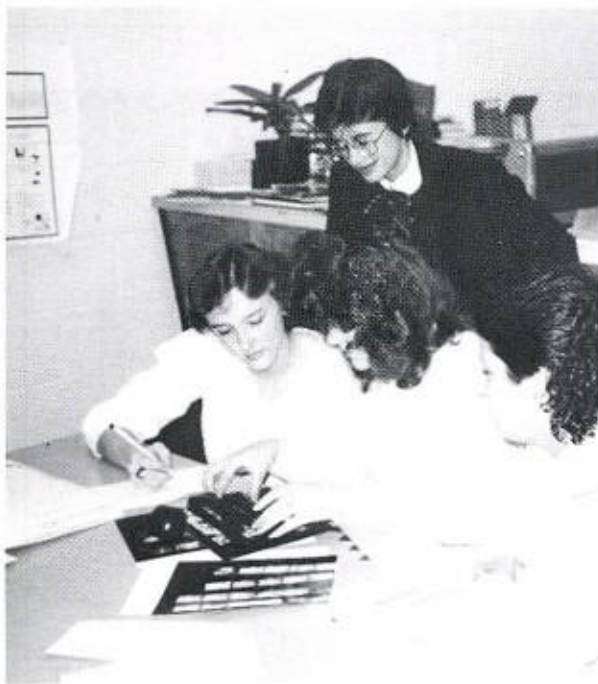
The library workers are a generous group of students who give up their free period to learn more about how the library works and to perform a very valuable service for the entire school. Their major duties include checking out books, shelving books, getting new books ready to be checked out and keeping back issues of magazines in order.

Student

Librarians Donate Time



Paul McIntyre, Bonna Tucker, Diane Edwards, Library Aide; Kim Ralston, Angela Gilbert, Bonnie Mills, Robin Rampey, Tom Edwards, Librarian.



Yearbook— demanding, rewarding

Herlf Jones representative Sandra Smith looks on as Jeannie Dyer, Brenda Gibbs and Brenda Pack choose pictures for their layout.

Editor Jeannie Dyer is also a good cook!

Have you sold your ads? We must meet deadlines! How much Tom Wat have you sold? Are those pictures still **not** ready?! Being on Yearbook Staff can be maddening—yet fun and very rewarding. You really can't know or appreciate what goes into putting a yearbook together unless you're part of it. Responsibility, concern, dependability, faithfulness (and being a little crazy)—these all help to make a good staff member.

Tammy, Niki, Jeannie and Brenda celebrate meeting a deadline.



Editor, Jeannie Dyer; Shannon West, Brenda Gibbs, Niki Ravan, Brenda Pack, Tammy Thompson, Jane Edwards, Advisor.



Shannon West and Niki Ravan discuss plans for the Junior Section.

(Front row) Ricky Evans, sponsor; Donna Dimsdale, President; Laura Harrison, Sec.-Treas.; Lisa Barnette, Vice-Pres.; Kim Wilson, Reporter; Niki Ravan and Lisa Phillips, Publicity. (middle row) Stacy Stephenson, Becky Bell, Stephanie Skipper, Julie Lanning, Wendy Deck, Linda Cunningham. (Back row) Thomy Calton, Gingi Littlefield, Jackie Smith, Jonathan Bradshaw, Michael Hughes.

Tri-M

the best of
musicians

The purpose of the Tri-M Club is to promote music and it's performance in the community and school. Some of our activities include Christmas singing at the nursing homes, a trip to see an orchestra concert, exploration of music Theory, and expoloration of music Careers.



The goal of Chorus class is to learn the basics of vocal production and to perform quality vocal music. Officers include Stephanie Skipper, President; Amy Westbrook, Vice-President; Melissa Champion, Sec.-Treas.; Gingi Littlefield and Becky Bell, student directors

Notes

from the
Chorus



(Front row) Ricky Evans, director; Bonna Tucker, Melissa Champion, Stephanie Skipper, Karen Splawn. (middle row) Tammy Tapp, Andrea McEntire, Stacy Stephenson, Becky Bell, Sissi Ladas. (back row) Donna Jolley, Gingi Littlefield, Amy Westbrook, Robbie Smith, Dan Corn.

Art Club members pictured included Melinda Splawn, Karen Edwards, Larry Bohanon, Renay Watkins, Pam Duncan, Janet Armachain, Tammy Bradley, Angela Nelson, Pam Searcy, Mark Metcalf, Satasha Evans, Wendy McDowell, Lisa Metcalf, Stephanie Skipper, Brenda Pack and Kathy Skipper.

Ray Wilkins, Greg Whitmire and Ricky Twitty work on art projects.



Awareness

of the
visual arts

The purpose of the Art Club is to increase awareness and appreciation of the visual arts at Polk Central and in the community.

Activities planned for this year include bulletin board strips in the halls for hanging posters; Christmas tree and decorations for the main hall; display panels for art exhibits in the school and community; and a trip to a major art museum.



Jennifer Conner shows her prize-winning art.

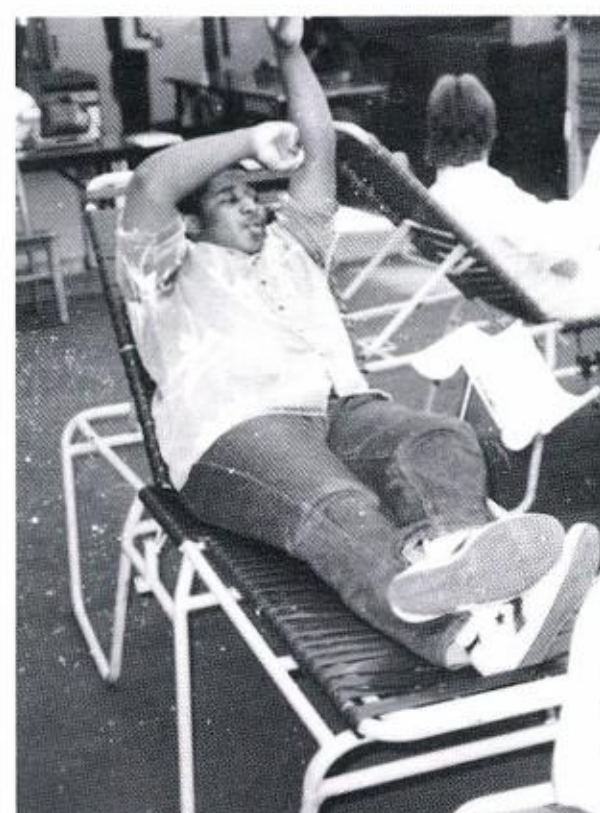
Pam Searcy, Secretary; Karen Edwards, Vice-president; Renay Watkins, President; Becky Lewis, Sponsor; Brenda Pack, Publicity Chairperson; (not pictured: Shannon West, Treasurer; Jennifer Conner, Project Chairman; and Darren Lynch, Reporter.)

F.H.A.

sponsors
Bloodmobile

The goal of FHA is to create an interest in fields relating to home economics and to draw people together for fun and fellowship. This year, among other things, we made bookmarks for the nursing home, had a fashion show and had a pizza party. Our fundraiser was selling donuts to pay for our trip to the State Convention. Our officers are Angie Miller, Pres.; Tracy Splawn, Vice-Pres.; Lisa McFalls, Sec.; and Karen Splawn, Treas.

(Front row) E. Tanner, A. Petty, T. Splawn, A. Miller, K. Splawn, L. McFalls, Linda Ligon, sponsor; (Others) T. Bunch, P. Searcy, R. Hensley, T. Jackson, A. Ruff, M. Clary, W. Wolfe, S. West, L. Laughter, D. Carson, G. Burgess, K. Halford, J. Tipton, A. Moss, J. Blanton, J. Dyer, G. Davis, M. Stott, K. Gosnell, D. Price, K. Raburn, L. Shroyer, V. Meeks, T. Miller, P. Dodd, C. Hines, S. Feagan, Y. Pruitt, T. Jackson, J. Ponder, P. Price, J. Parker, K. Richardson, D. Brown, C. Searcy, A. Lawrence, K. Edwards, D. Constance, K. Philbeck, S. Philbeck, N. Spurlin, S. Frye, D. Nowlin, D. Turner, D. Martinez, W. McDowell, L. Smith, V. Brock, Nicky McDowell, Terri Lynch



Larry Johnson is a willing (?) blood donor.

Darrell Dodd relaxes after making a blood donation.

A member of the Bloodmobile staff checks a sample for anemia.



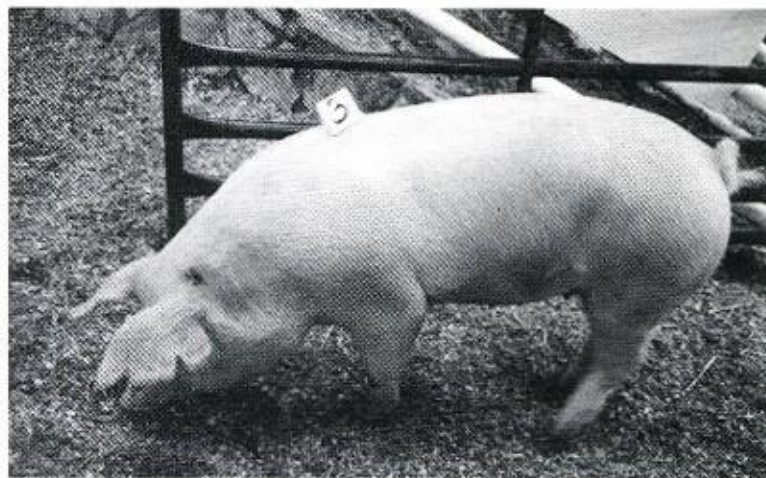


Ty Cantrell, Travis Ruff and Jeff Weaver prepare for a land judging contest.



Officers are Ty Cantrell, Reporter; Lisa Bivens, Vice-Pres.; Keith Collins, Sec.; Kevin Wilson, Treas.; Travis Ruff, Sentinel; and Robby Barber, President.

Livestock judging is one activity in which the FFA participates.



FFA— actively involved

The primary aim of the FFA is the "development of agricultural leadership, cooperation and citizenship." Good Citizens are those who can both lead, when leaders are needed and who are good workers when others take their turn to lead. Some of our activities include Land Judging, Livestock Judging, Dairy Judging, a fruit sale, a plant sale, and the FFA convention.



R. Wilkins, M. Carson, Richard Smith, sponsor, S. Nelson, T. Lawter, J. Edney, J. Bolt, F. Parker, J. Parker, T. Ruff, R. Barber, T. Flynn, J. Bohannon, S. Coggins, T. Shields, M. Potter, R. McGuinn, D. Siegfried, T. Cantrell, C. Jackson, R. Holcombe, J. Ruff, D. Jolley, A. Reid, D. Corn, R. Smith, K. Wilson, D. Blackwell, K. Collins, L. Ravan, J. McCraw, D. Williams, C. Elliott, L. Ridings, C. Collins, A. McDowell, R. Watkins, L. Bivens, L. Bohannon, V. Brock, K. Edwards, D. Stewart, H. Burnett, B. Foster, R. Conner, L. Stott, B. Painter, K. Nelson, B. Hill, G. Dimsdale, B. Ponder, J. Ridings, M. Griffin, C. Jackson, C. White, K. Hudson, J. McCue, T. Priester, M. Pritchard, R. Rhodes, B. Pack, V. McCue, M. Grant, M. Fowler, D. Price, C. Price, R. Patterson, B. Parker, B. Tallant, R. Ridings, D. Bivens, J. Burrell, J. Bowen, M. Bradley, P. McAbee, M. Williams, S. Turner, B. Gilbert, R. Arledge, T. Burns, Jeff Weaver, Tony Barker.

ICT VICA

The purpose of ICT VICA is to prepare youth for successful entry into the labor market, to promote understanding of the industrial society in which we live, to develop a respect of trades and skills needed for vocational goals, to meet the manpower needs of the nation's industries, and to promote safety among Trade and Industrial Education students at home, school and on the job.



(Seated) Michael Griffin, Larry Bohanon, Ronnie Watkins, Johnny Ridings, (2nd row) Shane Turner, Keith Collins, Debbie Hicks, Laura Ravan, Patricia Gilmore, Chris Jolley, Johnny Parker, Stokes Sheehan, Sponsor: (Back row) Sylina Lynch, Angela Nelson, Amanda Mace, Johnny Bolt, Reece Hill.

The Auto Mechanics VICA is to develop leadership abilities, to foster a deep respect for the dignity of work, to help students establish realistic vocational goals, to create enthusiasm for learning, to promote high standards in trade ethics, workmanship, scholarship and safety. We attend several conferences and contests throughout the year.

Auto Mechanics VICA



(Front row) Johnny Wilson, Mark Sheehan, Kenneth Price, Robby Blackwell, Richard Ponder, Alan Cantrell. (2nd row) Todd Lawter, Lamar Dempsey, Bobby Hill, Kevin Price, Kevin Arrowood, Scott Coggins, Jeff Ruff, Stevie McIntyre, Michael Potter, Chris Jolley, Don Jolley, Bobby Ponder, Barry Painter, Charles Gosnell, Chuck Brown, Clyde Elliott, Steve Canaly, Vince McCue. (Averette Haney is sponsor.)

(Front row) Pam Duncan, Sec.; Louann Smith, Treas.; Wanda Carson, Vice-Pres.; Jeannie Dyer, Pres.; Jane Edwards, sponsor. (2nd row) Teresa Hill, Cynthia Searcy, Vicki Siegfried, Angie Miller, Pam Dodd, Deborah Simpson, Emma Tanner, Frances Miller, Annette Petty, Sandrus Feagan, Paula Staley. (3rd row) Lori Walker, Karen Splawn, Laura Lindsey, Lisa McFalls, Bonna Tucker, Denise Gilbert, Patricia Frye, William Teague, Johnny Womack, Rickey Twitty. (4th row) Shannon West, Brenda Gibbs, Jeannie Parker, Lynn Shroyer, Dee Price, Monica Stott, Tammy Bunch, Joy Blanton, Robert Proctor, Dwayne Carson. (5th row) Vanessa Meeks, Deanna Carson, Becky Bell, Deanna Horton, Janice Ponder, Caroline Searcy, Shelly Philbeck, Nicole Spurlin, Tammy Stott, Craig Collins, Niki Ravan. (6th row) Stacy Stephenson, Andrea McEntire, Angela McEntire, Angie Edwards, Dea Ann Constance, Krista Edwards, Robyn Hensley, Tammy Bradley, Darlene Stewart.



Dwayne Carson, a YCC member, also plays JV basketball.



Louann Smith, YCC Treasurer, plays trumpet in the band.

Young Christians Club

The Young Christians Club collects food for needy families at Thanksgiving, decorates the doors of White Oak Terrace Nursing home at Christmas, and makes tray cards for the hospital and nursing home at Christmas. We also have guest speakers at some meetings.

(Front row) Ms. Barreto, Sponsor; Amy Westbrook, Wendi Wolfe, Gretchin Hinson, Michelle Clary, Lisa Bivens, Dawn Gallo, Andrea McEntire, Stacy Stephenson, Dawn McEntire. (Others) Angela McEntire, Angie Edwards, Teresa Hill, Andy Lynch, Jennifer R. Wilson, Pam Duncan, Tania Ralston, Lamar Dempsey, Chris LeQuire, Michael Womack, Sabrina Lawter, Amanda Ruff, Stephen Ruff, Scott Coggins, Satasha Evans, Kimberly Wilson, Beverly Harris, Dana Haynes, Randy McGuinn, Jonathan Bradshaw, Jeff Sheehan, Frankie Womack, Paula Lanning, Juan Carlos, Marty McGuinn.

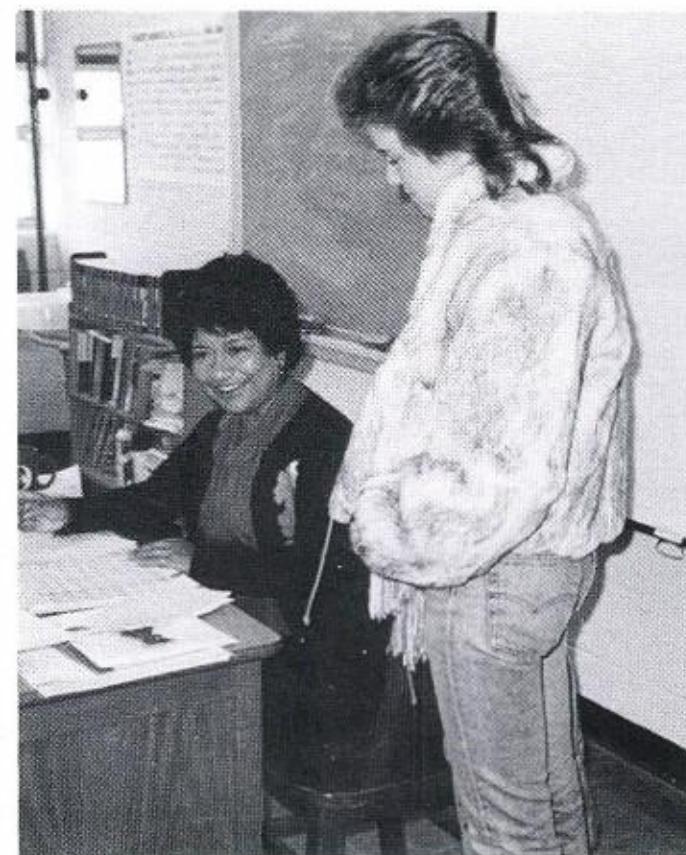


The purposes of the Spanish Club are to encourage students in their studies by making the study more enjoyable and interesting, to inform the student body and membership by lectures and singing, and generally to increase the interest of the students in Spanish and Spanish-speaking countries. Our activities include preparing Christmas greetings for faculty members and attending performances given by Spanish artists.

The Club *Espanol*



Officers are Pam Duncan, President; Amy Westbrook, Vice-Pres., Michelle Clary, Secretary, Gretchin Hinson, Treasurer and Chris White, Sergeant-at-arms. (Their sponsor is Raquel Barreto.)

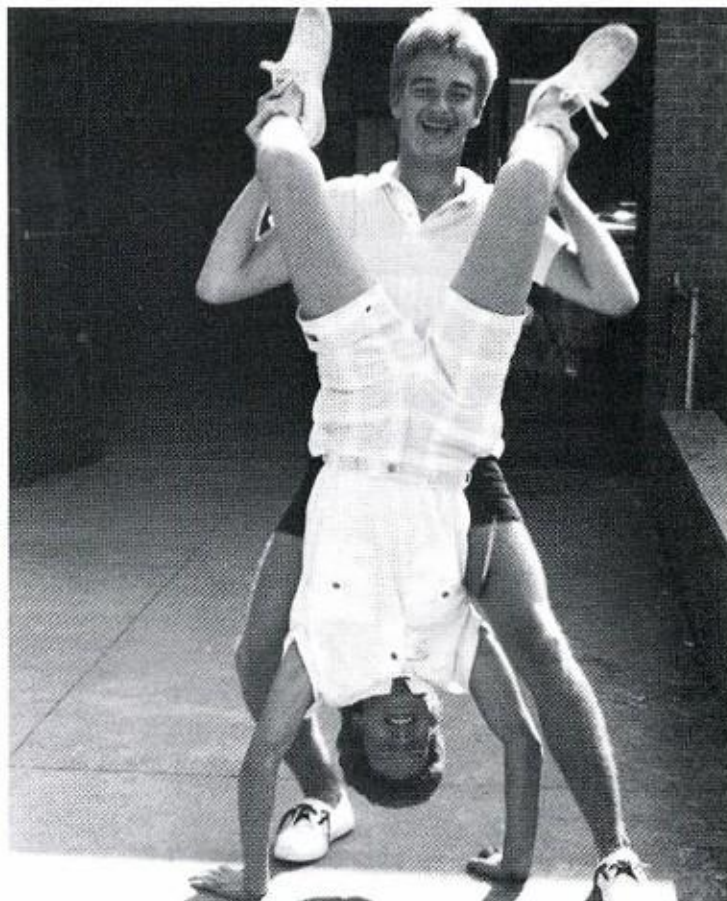


Lisa Bivens talks with Ms. Barreto about her Spanish grade.



This is an IT!??!

Byron Naff helps Karl Kropp see a "different view of the situation."



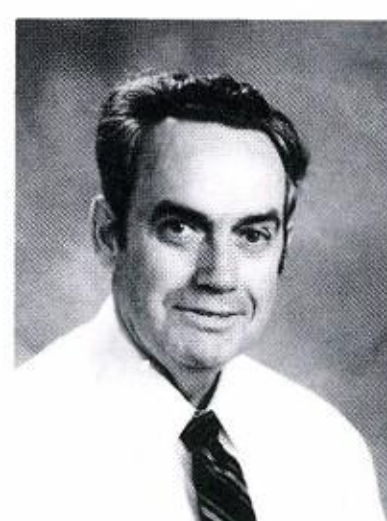
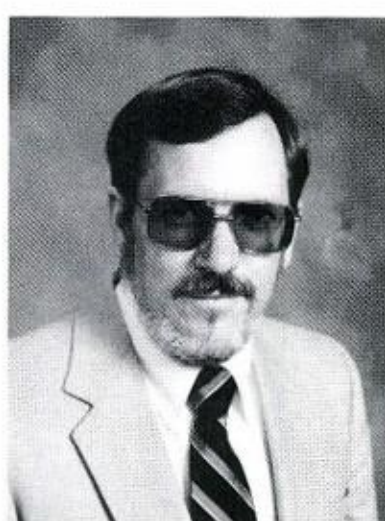
People

Administration, Faculty and Staff

Willie C. Turner, Principal



G.A. Wilson, Assistant Principal



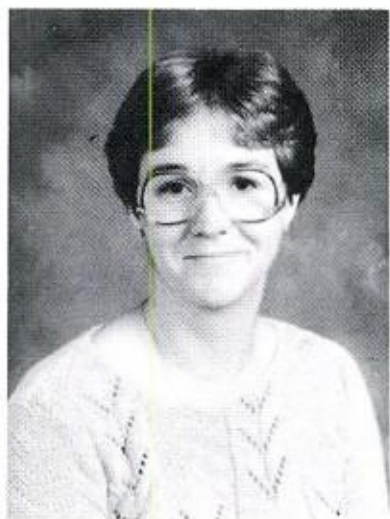
Pam Bumgardner, Secretary
David Neeld, Alternative
School

Jimmy Bradley, In-School
Suspension
Edward Roberts, Special Math

Diane Edwards, Library Aide
Stella Searcy, Teacher's Aide

Tom Edwards, Librarian
Joe Whitesides, Remediation
and Disadvantaged and
Handicapped

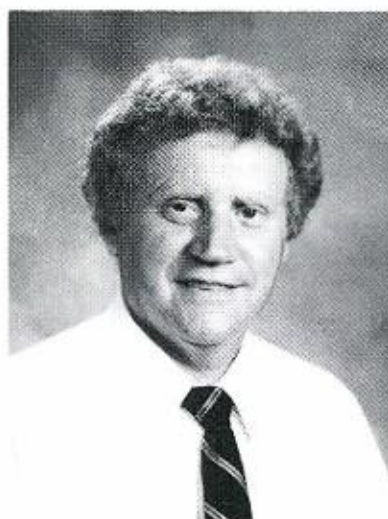
Janice Brumley, Social Studies
Janet Kimbrell, Language Arts
and Special Education



Ken Brumley, Chapter I
Reading
Becky Lewis, Art and
Exploratory



Waymon Collins, Math
Marion Reid, 7th Grade
Science



Teresa Hales, 7th and 8th
Grade Math
Janice Summers, 8th Grade
Language Arts



Wanda Sheehan seems absorbed in her work.



Mrs. Watson's English I class complete an assignment.

Leading the way . . .

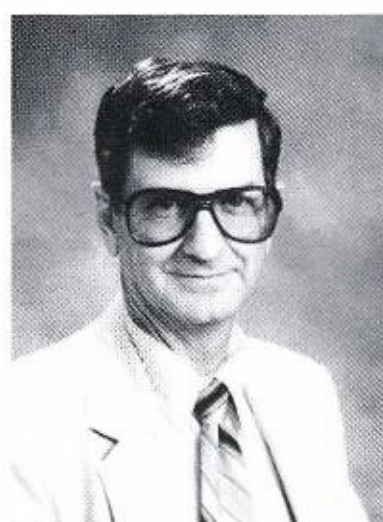
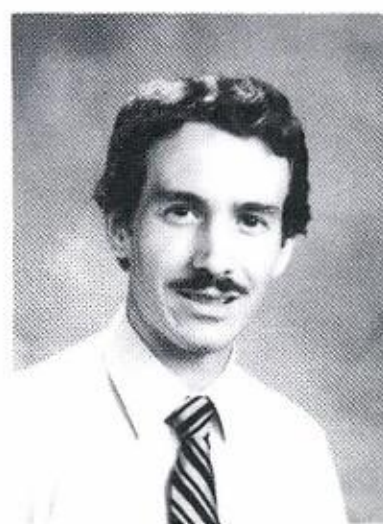
Nancy Dalton, Bookkeeper



Martha Newton, 8th Grade Science



Betty Brewer, Guidance Counselor



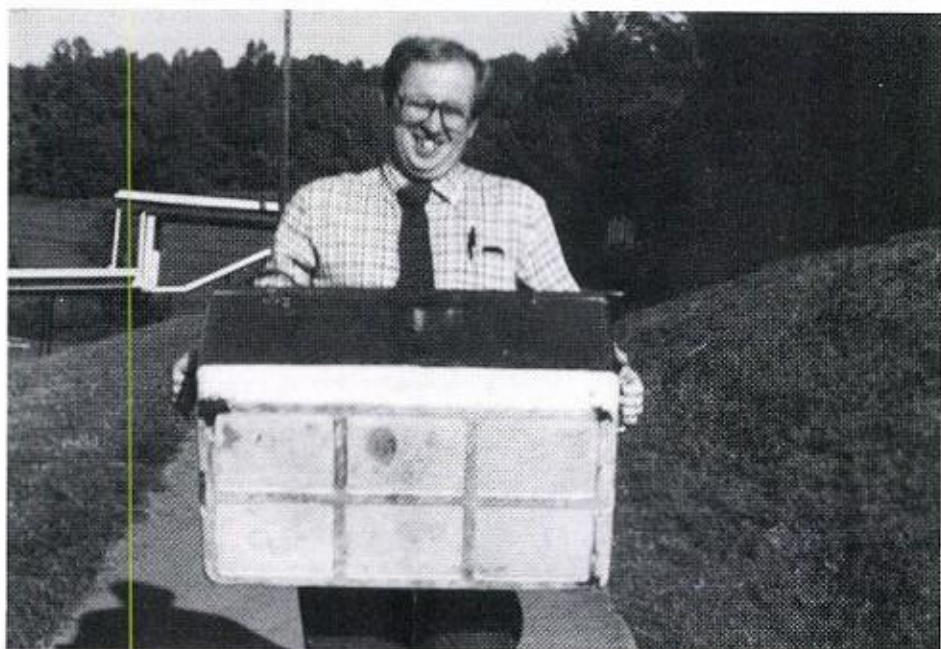
Carolyn Atkins, Algebra IA,
Physical Science
Elizabeth Watson, 9th Grade
English, Journalism/Newspaper

Raquel Barreto, Spanish I, II,
III, and Exploratory Spanish
Jean Pettigrew, CP and AP
English, Historical Research

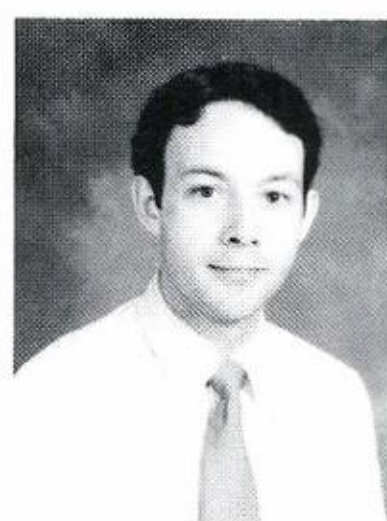
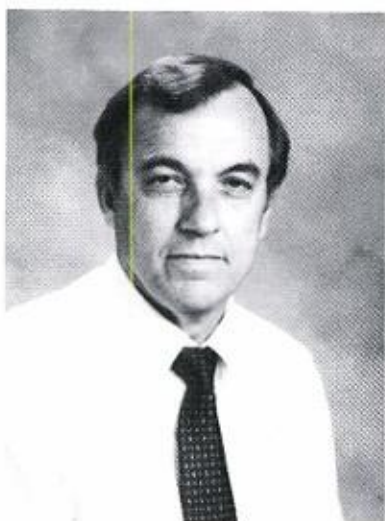
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Thomas Taylor, Science

Kathy Warren, English
Bruce Odel,
Anatomy/Physiology, Biology

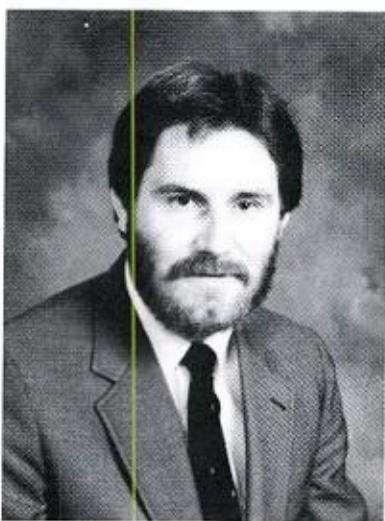
Ricky Evans carries ice for a band-sponsored dinner.



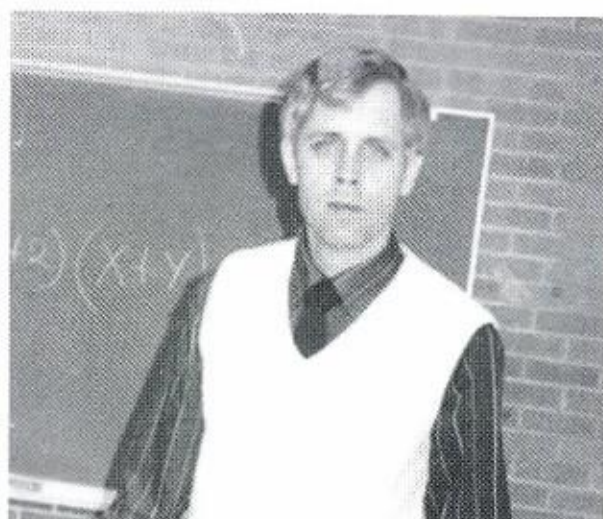
Ken Brumley prepares to give blood during the Bloodmobile visit.



Stokes Sheehan, ICT
Richard Smith, Agriculture
James Christopher, Carpentry and Pre-Vocational
Frankie Camp, Industrial Arts, Exploratory



Keith Crain, Computer Programming
Ricky D. Evans, Band, Chorus
Laurie Burkhardt, Physical Education
Larry Foster, Remedial Math/Reading, General Math



Phillip Horne, Math, Physical Education

Richard Burkhart, Algebra I, II, III

Harold Warren, Physical Education

Jean Rardin, 7th Grade Reading



Carolyn Lane, 8th Grade Reading



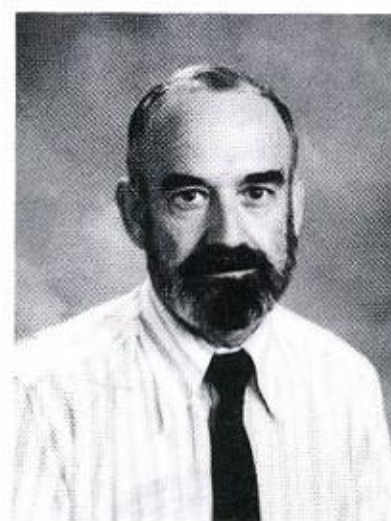
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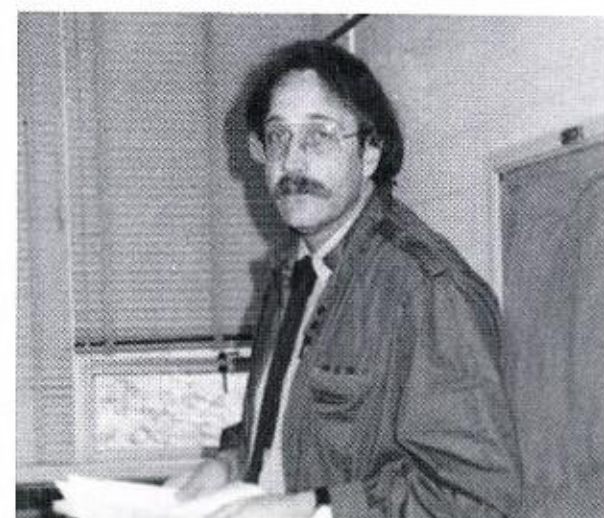
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Anna Gillie, Business and Office Education
Linda Ligon, Home Economics, Child Care



Furman T. Wall, Driver's Training
Edward L. Williams, Social Studies



Averette Haney, Auto Mechanics
Leroy Bishop, Social Studies



To becoming the best

The best of service

Judy Moore is our efficient cafeteria manager.



Other cafeteria staff members are Loretta Collins, Bobbie Reid, and Peggy Watkins.



Our cafeteria staff and janitors work long hours in service to our school. We sometimes neglect to express our appreciation to these people who serve us so faithfully.



Lunchtime provides a time for friends to visit and talk.



Johnny Parker mows grass around the Vocational Building. (Not pictured but assisting Johnny with janitorial duties are Tammy Foster and Billy Ray Doggett.)

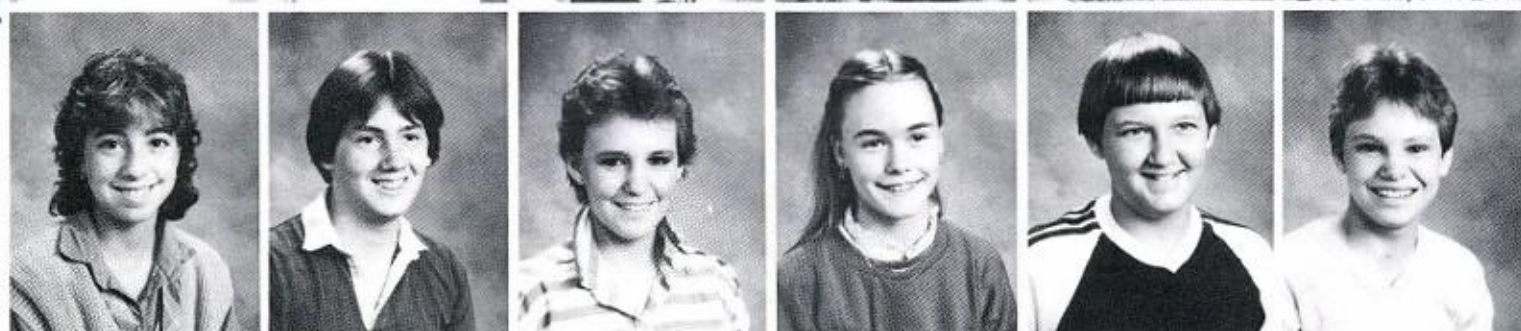


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Moore
Secretary—Holly McDowell, Treasurer—Alfred
Miller

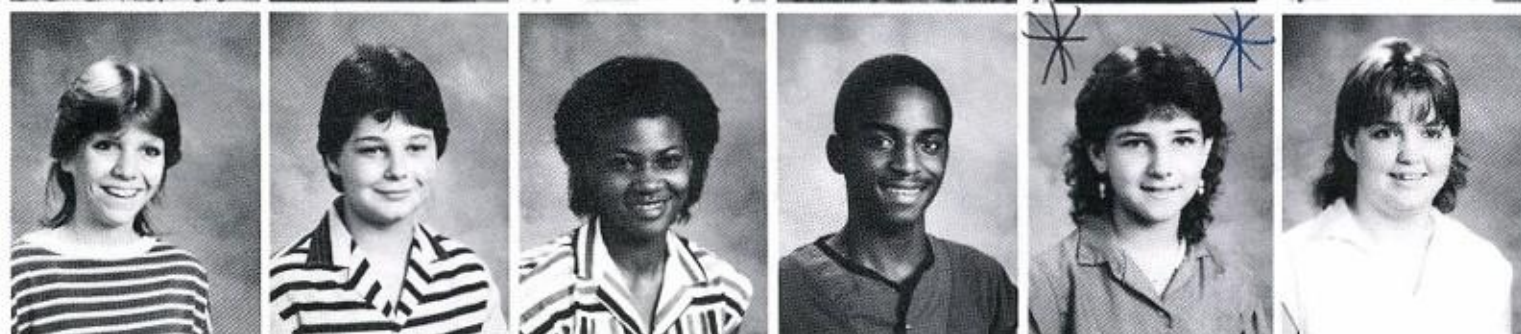
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Jenny Blackwell
Mitchell Bolling
Rebecca Boone
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Junior Bradley
Monica Bumgardner



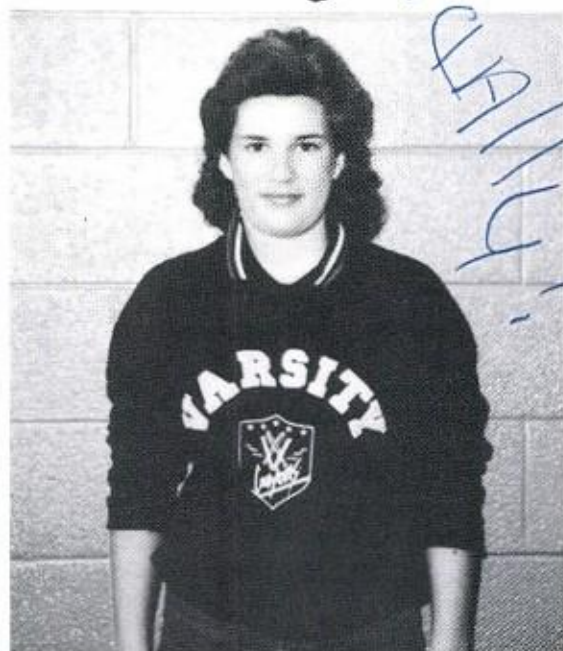
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James Carroll
Tonya Carson
Shawn Carson
*Erica Case
Vickie Case



*Crystal Champion
*Nicole Clary
Joey Cooper
Dennis Corn
Ricky Culbreth
Matthew Davis



That's me



I have been in 4-H for five years. I have been showing cows for the 4-H dairy club since I was four years old. The 4-H dairy club shows cattle and goes on trips and numerous other activities. I have worked hard with my cattle and learned to compete for awards and ribbons. This fall I won a trip to Florida. We enjoy other projects in 4-H such as pet care, cooking, and sewing. 4-H has been a good learning experience for me.

Amy Pack



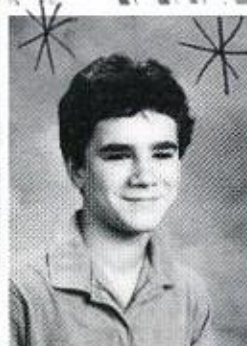
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Gail Denton
Travis Dotson
Brian Edwards



Joy Edwards *
Michelle Finch
Scott Foster
Charlie Garrett
Dewayne Gibbs
Lora Gibbs



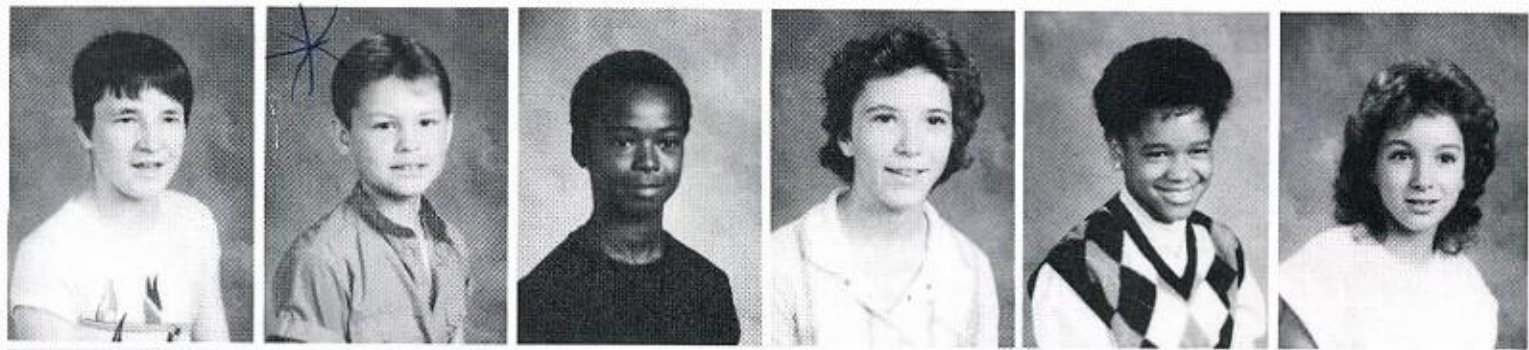
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Darren Green
Deana Greene
Michelle Halford
Paula Hardin *
Scott Haynes



Gippy Hill
Patrick Hines
Roy Hipps
Nickie Horton
Jason Jackman *
Heather Jackson

Taking the first step together . . .

A.P.
 James Jackson
 Jamie Jackson*
 Phillip Jackson
 Regina Jackson
 Tonya Jackson
 Amy Jolley



Chris Johnson
 James Kuykendall
 Chad Laughter
 Micheal Leach
 Dewitt Lemmonds
 Sherry Logan



*Stacy McCall
 Robbie McComas
 *Holly McDowell
 Brian Mace
 Timothy Martines
 Jamie Mayfield



Chris Metcalf
 Adrian Miller
 Alfred Miller
 Brian Miller
 Bert Moore
 Kevin Moore



7th grade science class must be interesting!!
 NO WALL!



Where have all the girls gone??



I started hitting golf balls when I was three years old and I started playing on a golf course when I was seven. When I was nine I won a putting contest for all club members at Lake Lure Golf Course. When I was ten my dad and I won a Father and Son Tournament. Since then I have played in many tournaments. This past summer I was in a tournament for club members and I qualified in the championship flight. Even though I didn't win, it was good experience. I play most of my golf at Lake Lure Golf Course. My best score so far is a 69 which is one under par. I had that score this past summer. I also had a hole in one.

Travis Dotson



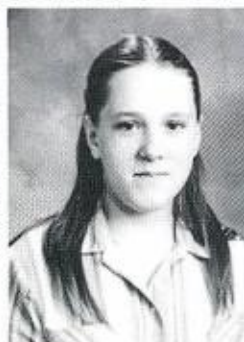
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Keith Nelon
Vanessa Nelon
Amy Pack
Derrick Pack
Keith Painter



Erica Petty
Crystal Pierce
Allison Potter
David Price
Chad Raburn
Barbara Ravan



Thomas Rhodes
Lewis Ridings
Roger Roberts
Sherrie Rogers
Aaron Ruff
Tracy Ruff



Chrystal Searcy
Jenny Sensing
Pam Shehan
Michelle Smith
Rhonda Shipley
Jamie Smith

to become the best . . .

Jerry Smith
Nikki Smith
Candie Spicer
Danny Spivey
Tonya Staley
Disa Suber



James Tessner
James Thompson
Kevin Tomberlin
Tyrone Twitty
Arnie Twitty
Chip Twitty



Lamond Twitty
Samantha Waldrop
* Caitlin Watson
Margaret Walker
Levona Watkins *
Michael Wilson



Stacy McCall picks up a book from her locker.

These Vocational Block students want to get into the picture.

Jason Wilson
* Misty Wilson *
Angela Womack



the best we can be

Eighth Grade—A Step Further . . .



Eighth Grade class officers are Kelly Horton, Secretary; Brian Wilson, Treasurer; Antwand Miller, Vice-President; Bryan Williams, President.



Sheila Anderson
Jeff Arrowood
Tara Atkins
Candace Barnette
Joey Benson
Mark Bosket

Stephanie Bradley
Velva Brown
Angie Burnette
Heather Burgess
Michael Cantrell
Bart Cole

Susan Corn
Angie Collins
Glynis Denton
Kevin Denton
Jeff Dimsdale
Chris Dyer

Susan Eubanks
Kevin Fisher
Staci Elynn
Tracy Garret
Patty Gibbs
Brad Gevedon

Toward the goal

Dean Gilbert
Timothy Gosnell
Kim Holbert
Julie Horne
Kelly Horton
Phillip Horton



*Spring
Shane*

Connie Jackson
Shane Jackson
Johnny Jackson
Kim Jackson
Sharon Jolley
Tammie Jones



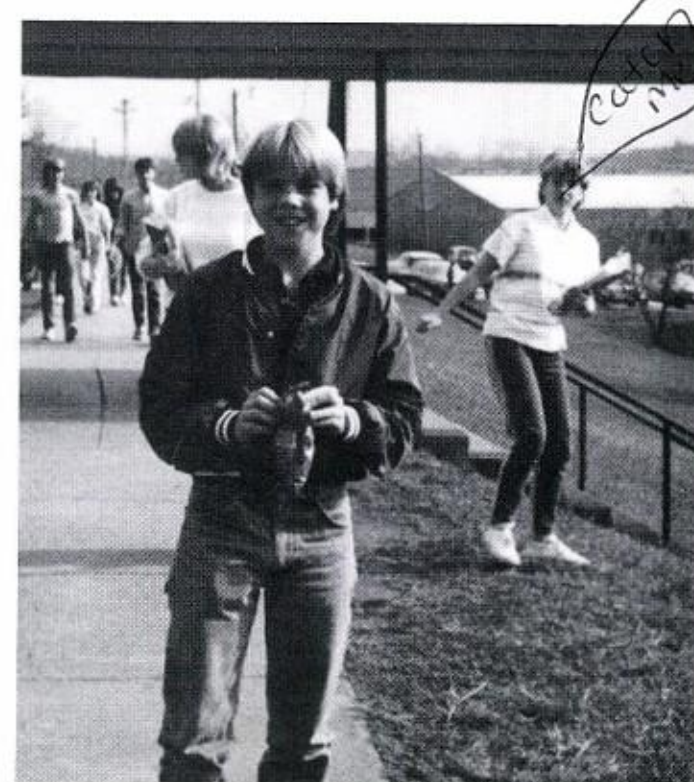
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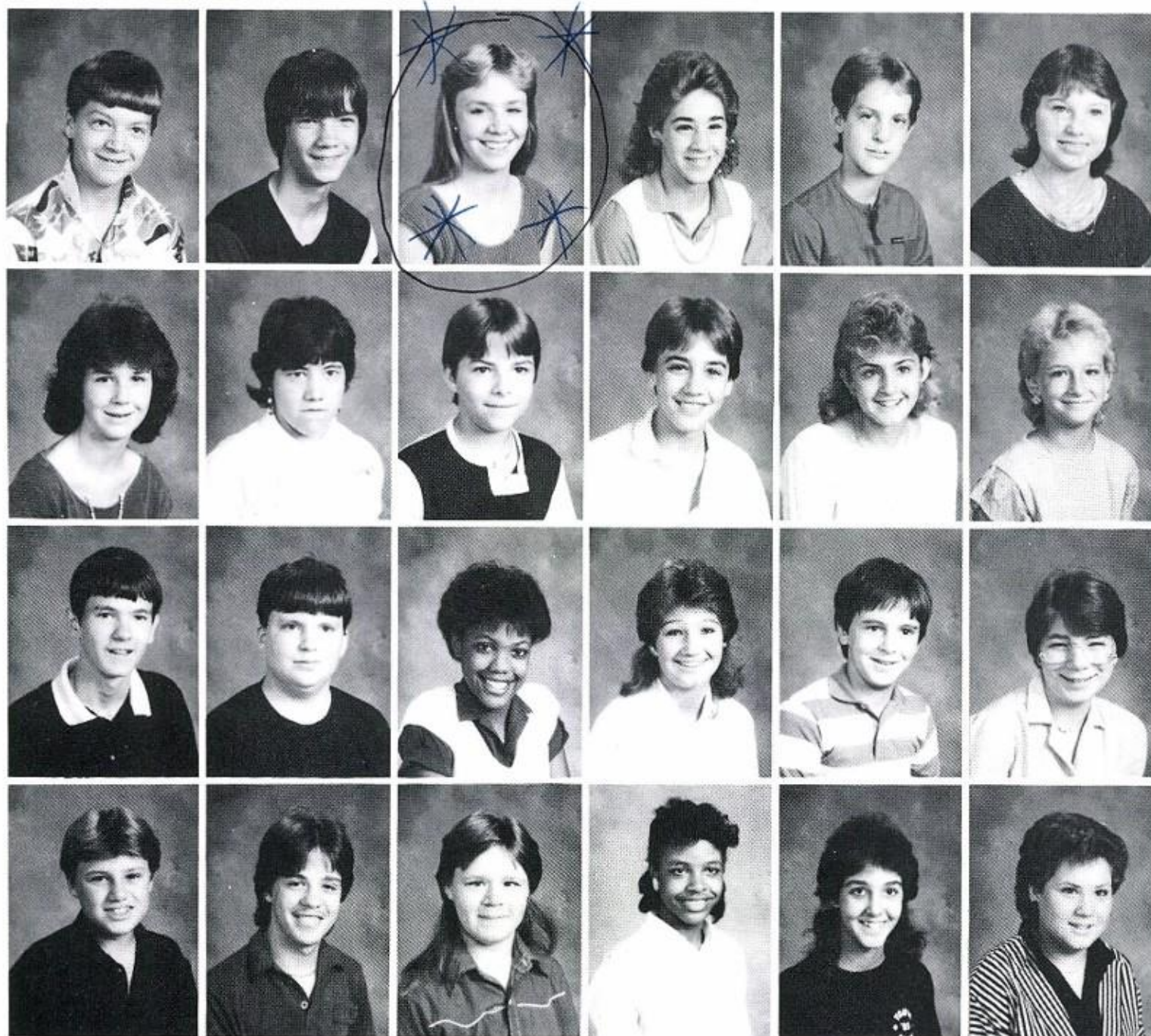
Darrell McCraw
Monte McCraw
Dwayne McDowell
Randy McEntire
Antwand Miller
~~Debbie Miller~~



Chad, what is Catina trying to say?



Enjoying your snack, Jeff?

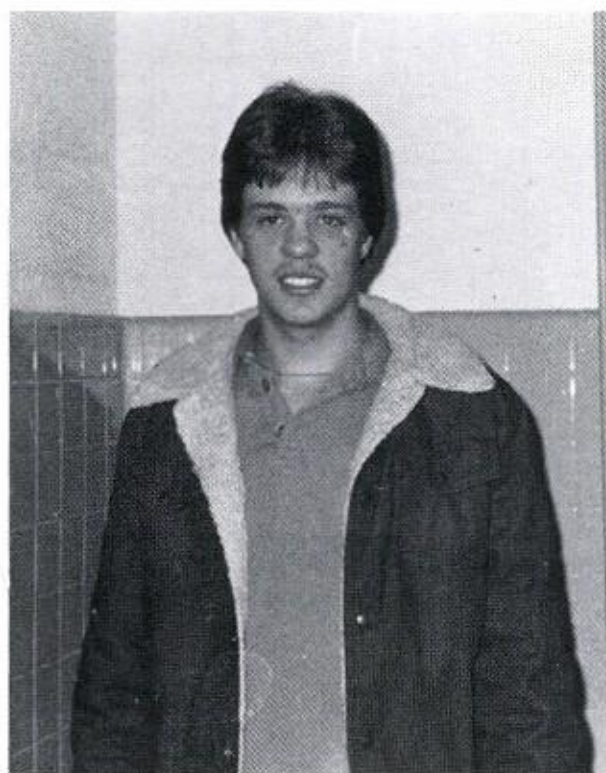


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Chris Moss
Tina Nelon *
Tonya Nelon
Stephen Odel
Amanda Owensby

Kim Pack
Amy Perkins
Chris Pittman
Jeremy Pittman
Tina Price
Kim Ralston

Jeff Ramsey
Allen Reid
Monica Rodgers
Shelly Ross
Glenn Ruff
Beth Sain

Mark Shytle
Billy Smith
Margie Smith
Adrienne Staley
Bridgett Stott
Myra Stott



I first started playing the guitar last year. I had wanted to learn to play for a long time, but it wasn't until my older brother came home from the Navy and taught me that I was able to play. He learned to play the guitar while in the Navy. I can't read music notes, I just watch him and I play by ear. I practice all the time from listening to music. My brother sold me his guitar, so now I have my own. Last year I played in the junior high program. This was my first performance.

Billy Smith



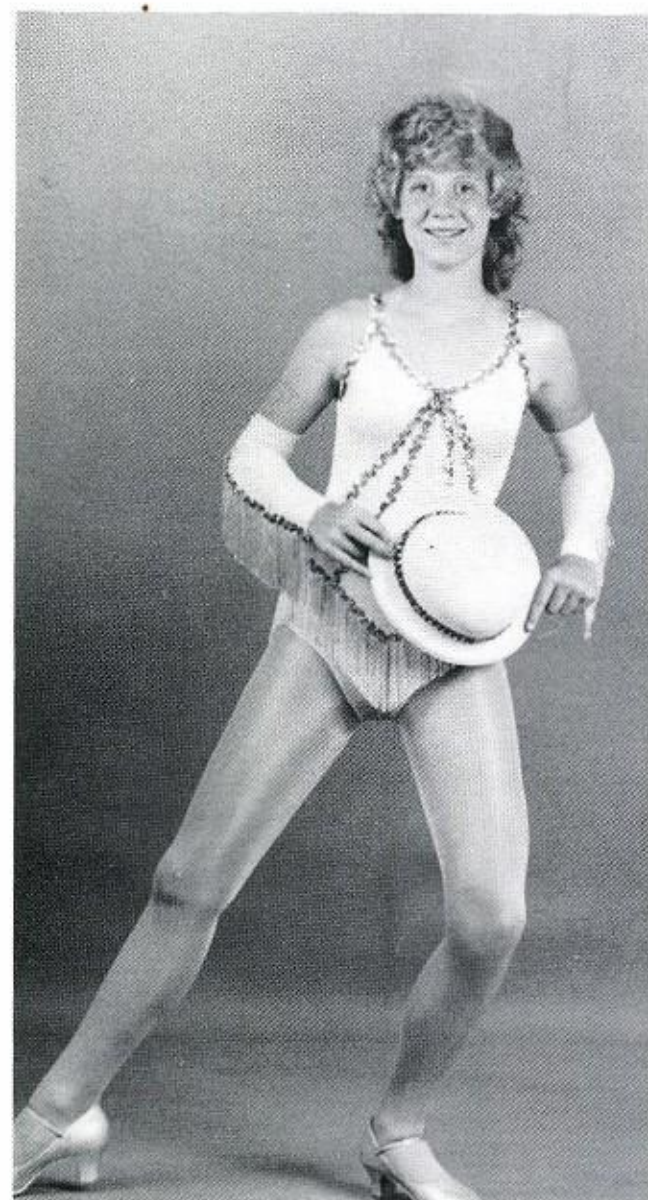
Ty Stott
Evonnie Suber
Catina Thompson
Lori Tipton
Clay Tucker
Michael Waddell



~~Chad Wagner~~
Sheila Walker
Shea Watson
Shirley Williams
Bryan Williams
Brian Wilson



Jeff Wilson
Kerry Wolfe



Catina Thompson

I began taking dancing lessons from Marion's School of Dance at the age of three. I now take five classes a week which includes tap, jazz, and ballet. I am also a member of Miss Marion's Carolina Youth Dance Theatre. This theatre is for serious dance students who enjoy performing. We practice two Saturdays out of the month. We've performed at several different nursing homes, at Westgate Mall, Hillcrest Mall, Converse College, Wofford College, Ramada Inn, Spartanburg Spring Fling at the Uptown Mall, McDonald's, and the Charles Lea Center. Watching the expressions of enjoyment on these handicapped children's faces makes performing very worthwhile.

My sister Tammy and I take private lessons on Saturdays to learn new tap routines to do together. Tammy and I have a dance room at home with mirrors, and barres where we spend a lot of time dancing, and working out together. We attend dance conventions during the summer at Myrtle Beach. These conventions consist of dancing all day except for our lunch break. They usually last four days.

Our dance school has a big recital at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium every May. Tammy and I are invited to dance at all the town recitals which consist of Lyman, Cowpens, Boiling Springs, Union and Gaffney.

In 1981 Tammy and I were in the 4-H Funfest Talent Show at Tryon Fine Arts Center. We won first place in our age group and were selected for the "Best of Show." We were awarded a trophy and ribbon. In 1982 we were in the 4-H Funfest again. We were so happy and excited that we again won first place in our age group and "Best

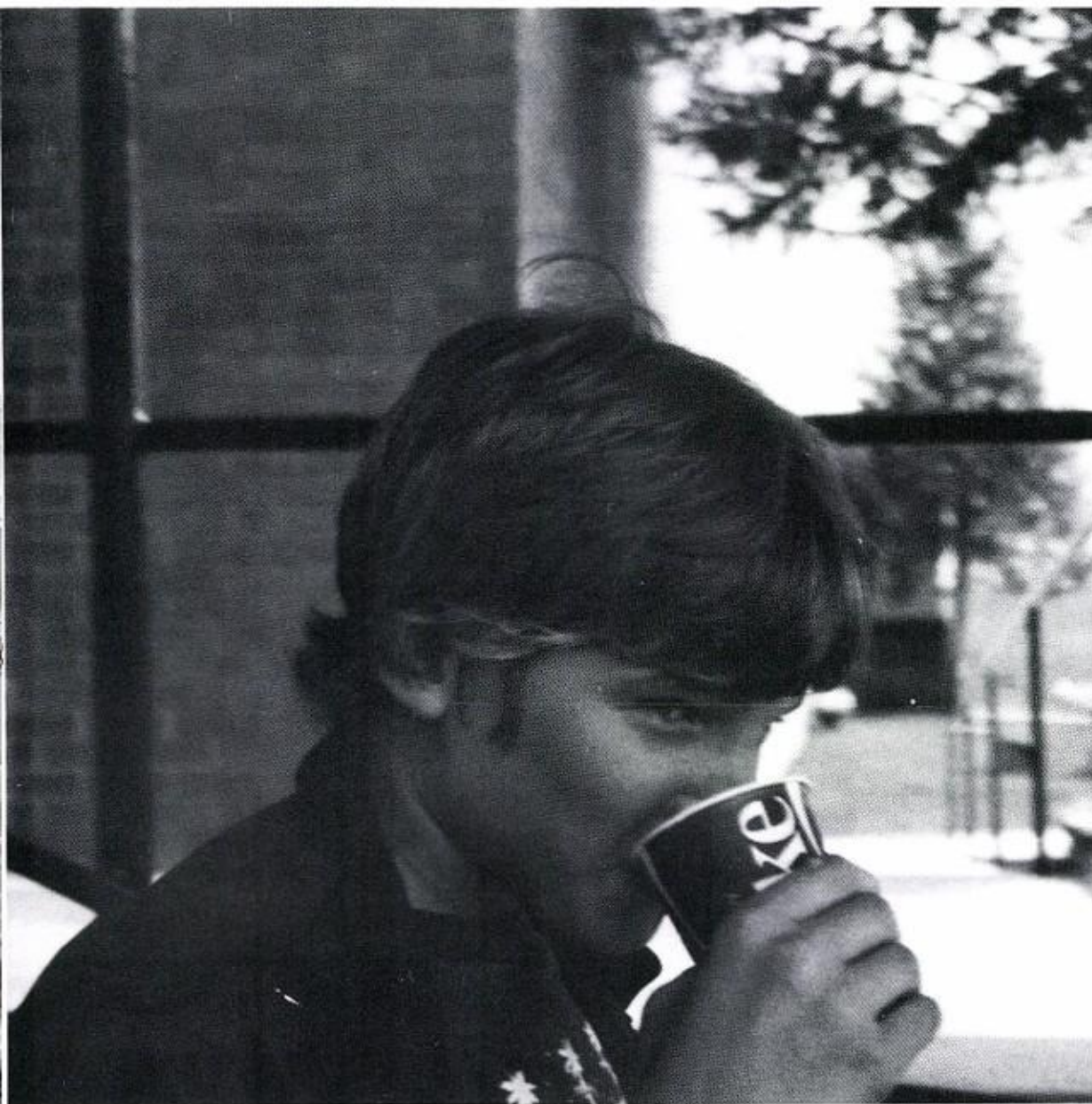
of Show". We received another trophy and ribbon, and were invited to represent Polk County at the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee. We were invited to perform at the Barn Door in Landrum.

In 1983 Tammy and I competed in National Showstoppers which was held at Spartanburg and we won. This made us eligible to compete in the finals held in Washington, D.C. in July 1984. This was the toughest competition we had ever been up against. We competed against dancers all over the world. We were thrilled to death to be awarded second place for our tap routine, "Down Under the Sheltering Pines." We received a beautiful ribbon, medallion, and trophy. In 1984 Tammy and I competed in Encore National Competition held in Asheville. We won first place, and received a trophy and ribbon. This made us eligible to compete in the finals held in Disney World at Orlando, Florida. We didn't get to go though because our family had just gone there the previous summer for vacation. In my seventh grade year, Tammy and I entered Polk Central's talent show and won \$25 for first place.

When I started dancing with Tammy, I came to her waist, and now I think I finally caught up with her. She has been real good working with me all these years, I think it's made me a much better dancer by working extra hard to keep up with her. I hope one day our biggest dream comes true—that we will own our very own dance studio, and get to work and teach together. Nothing could ever take the place of the happiness, and memories that Tammy and I will always share.

Dancing since age three

"Spanky" enjoys a Coke after a hard day's work.



Are Kelly and Tonya sharing secrets?



Kerry's wondering if anyone heard Dean's corny joke!



LeighAnn and Tammy have a friendly conversation at break.

Freshmen—A New Beginning



Class officers include Tracie Thompson, President; Deanna Carson, Vice-President; Terri Lynch, Secretary; and Lisa Laughter, Treasurer.

Sterling Abrams
Rocky Arledge
Rita Bailey
Kelly Bates
David Bivens
Chris Black



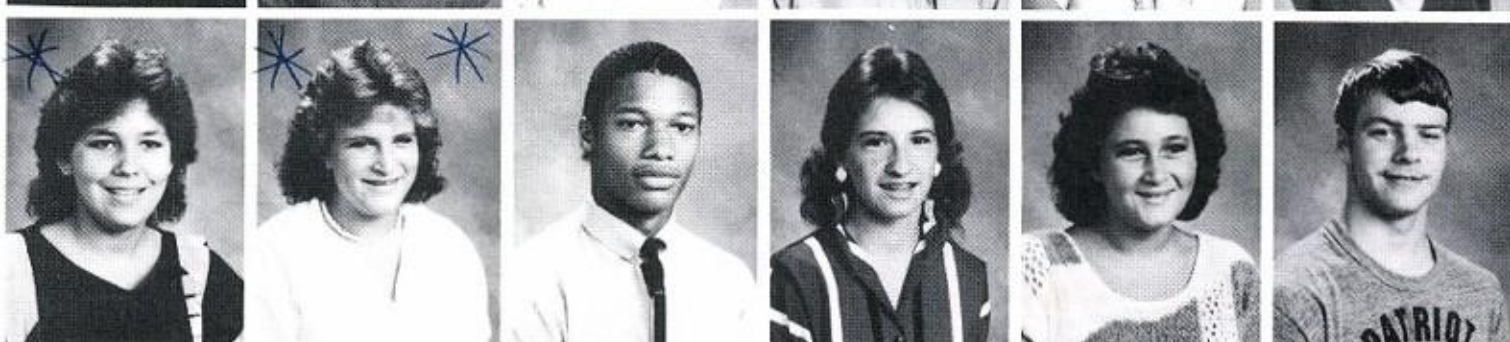
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Tammy Bunch



Gracie Burgess
Johnny Burrell
Deanna Carson
Tim Carson
Tina Carson
Tammy Case



* Cindy Clontz
* Dea Ann Constance
Gerald Davis
Krista Edwards
Rhetta Flynn
Barney Foster





Sissy Frye
Angela Gilbert
Carroll Greene
Dennis Greene
Kim Halford
Steve Hardin



Brett Haynes
Tena Helton
Curtis Hines
Dale Horton
Deanna Horton
Tammy Jackson



Tim A. Jackson
Tim W. Jackson
Todd Kropp
Eric Kuykendall
Tracie Kuykendall
Lisa Laughter



Amy Lawrence
Heather Laughter
Chris Leguire (E.g.i+)
Trip Lowe
Andy Lynch
Keila Lynch



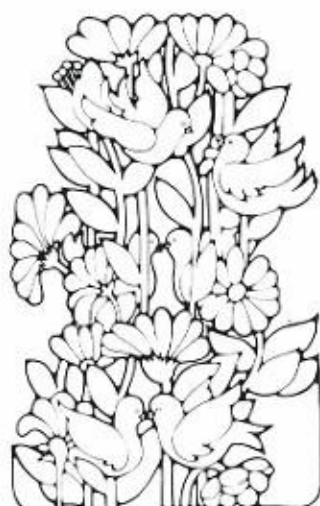
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Preston McEntire
Chucky McEntyre



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Bonnie Mills
Becky Moore



Jennifer Morgan
Kevin Nelon
Kathy Ogle
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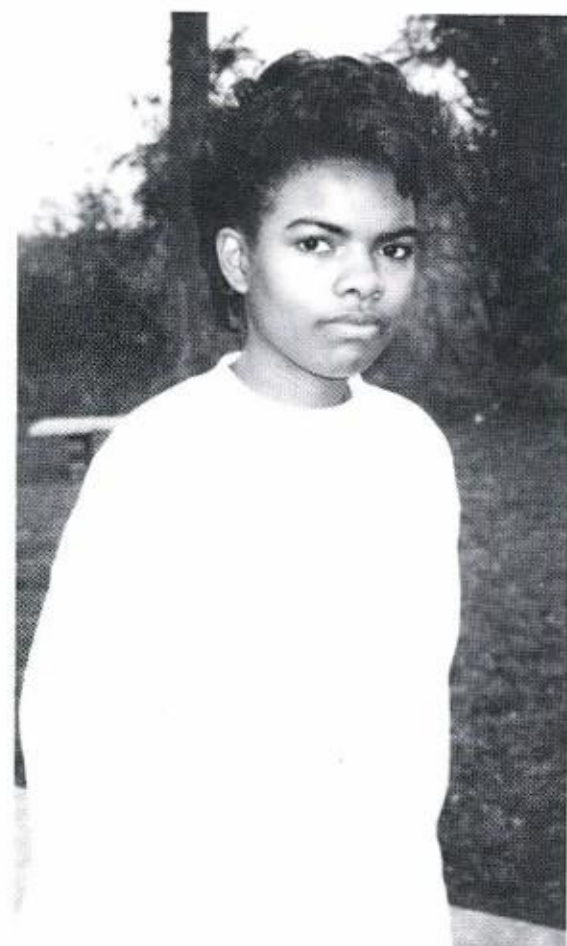
I was an active member of the Junior Beta Club for two years. At age twelve, I won the school spelling bee and went on to become first runner-up in the county-wide spelling bee.

While in seventh grade, I participated in TIP (Talent Identification Program) which was sponsored by Duke University.

I am now a member of the Interact Club and a member of the Young Christians Club. I also serve on the Student Council.

Another of my duties is to serve as manager of the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team.

Deanna Carson



Brian Parker
Jeannie Parker
Raymond Patterson
Marianne Paul
Joseph Petty
Kelly Philbeck



Shelly Philbeck
Janice Ponder
Clay Price
Paula Price
Terry Price
Tony Priester



Michael Pritchard
Yvette Pruitt
Robin Rampey
Danny Ravan
Michael Ridings
Karin Richardson



Lambert Ridings
Peggy Ridings
Tonja Robertson
Tim Ruff
Caroline Searcy
Terry Shehan





Danny Siegfried
Buffie Silver
Deborah Simpson
Lori Smith
Nicole Spurlin
Melinda Steppe



Tammy Stott
Blake Tallent
Tracy Thompson
Diana Turner
Dawn Wilkerson
Alicia Wilson



Jennifer Renee Wilson
Jennifer Ruby Wilson
Timothy Wilson
Johnny Womack
Vicki Wood



During the seventh grade I was president of my class and a member of the Student Council. In my junior high school years I was a member of the Junior Beta Club. I also received a Physical Education Award, a Presidential Fitness Award, and an award for being vice-president of the Junior Beta Club. In addition to these, I received two mathematical awards and an award for participating in the History Bowl at Asheville.

For the past seven years I've had perfect attendance. I've made the Honor Roll for the past two years. This year I'm president of the freshman class, my homeroom representative, and a member of the Student Council.

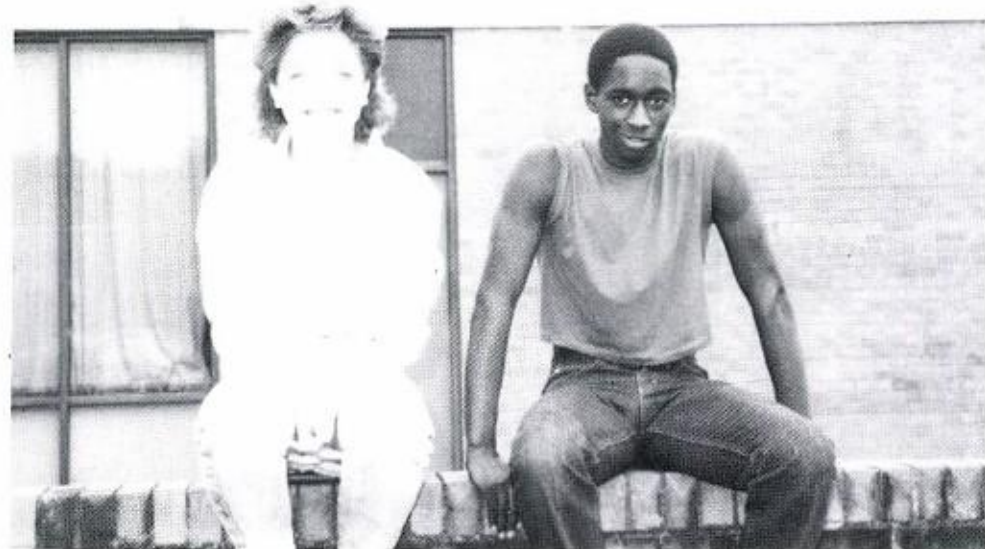
I plan to continue to do my best in school because it gives me a sense of satisfaction and confidence about myself.

Tracy Thompson



Another Step Up

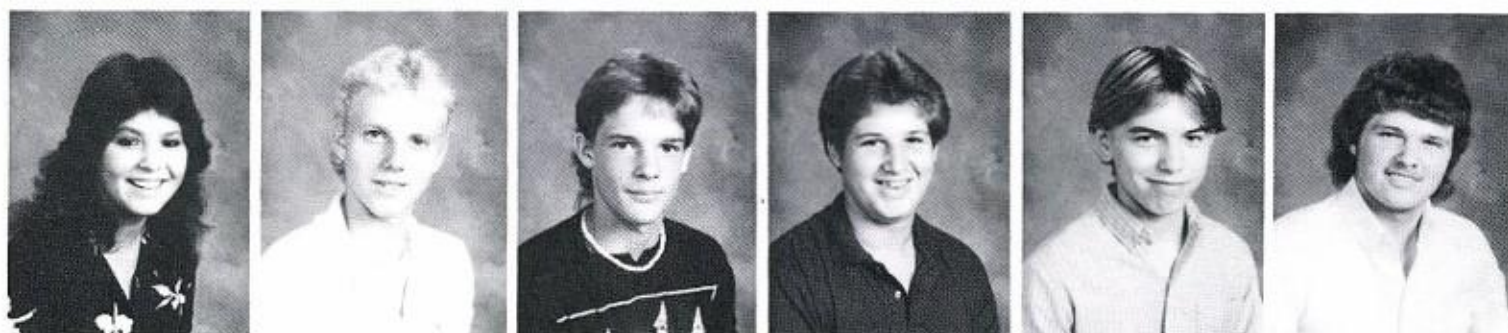
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Secretary—Amy Westbrook, Treasurer—Ricky Conner



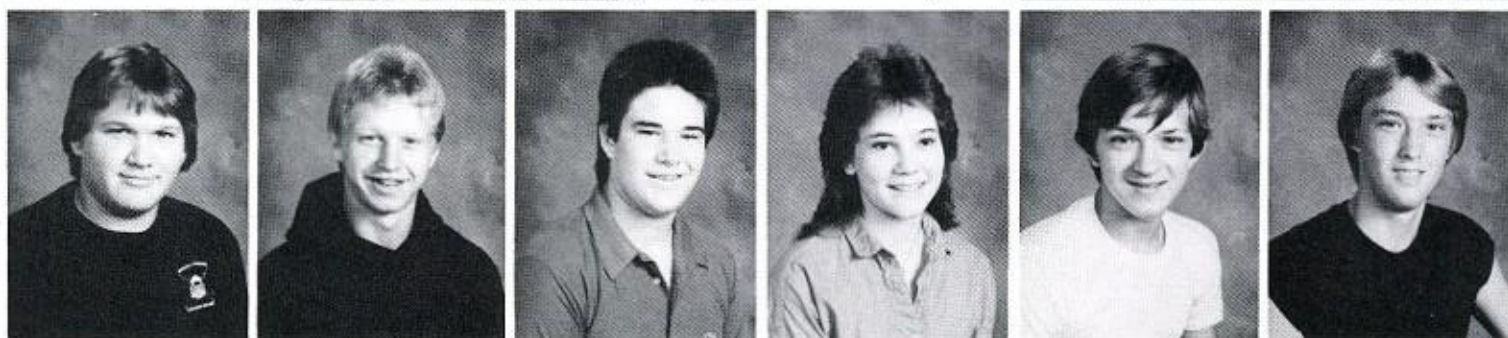
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Harold Burnett



Tommy Burnett
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Michelle Clary



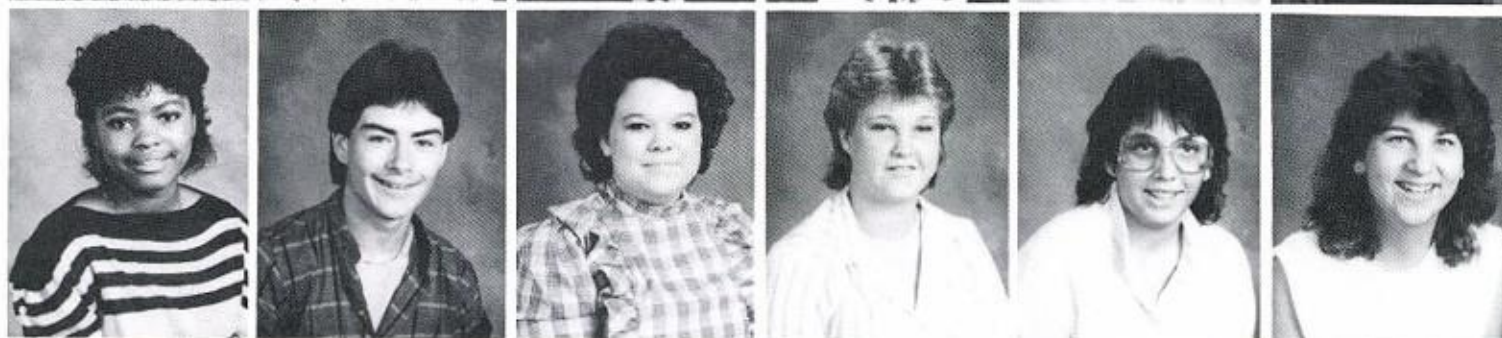
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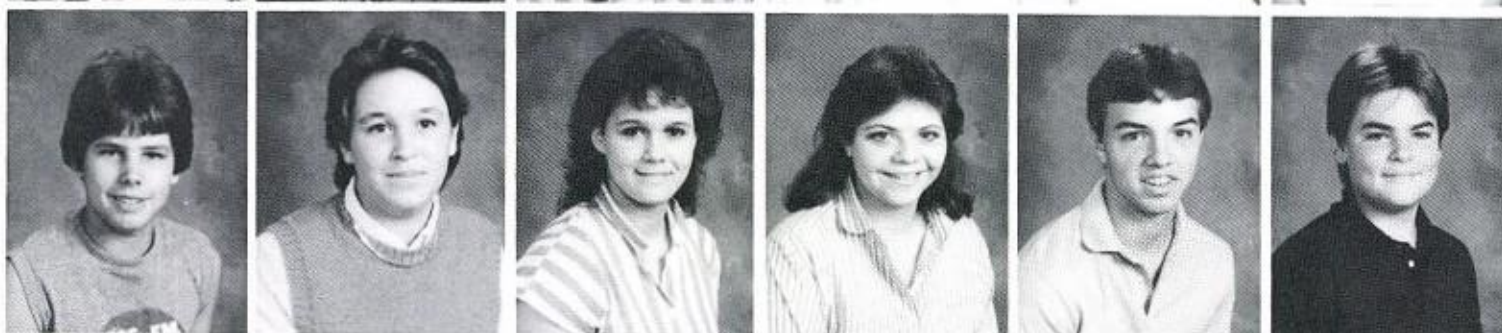
Friendship and Togetherness



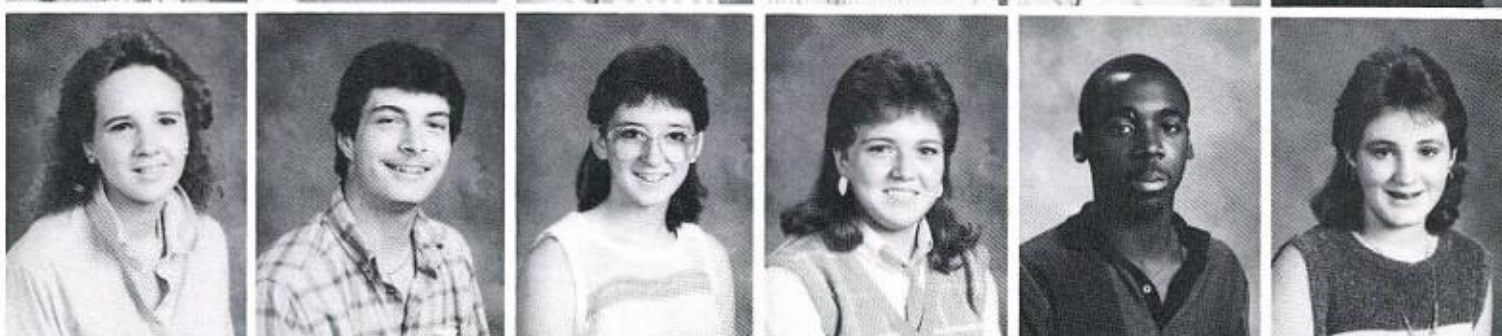
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Pamela Duncan
Angela Edwards
David Edwards
Linda Edwards
Satasha Evans



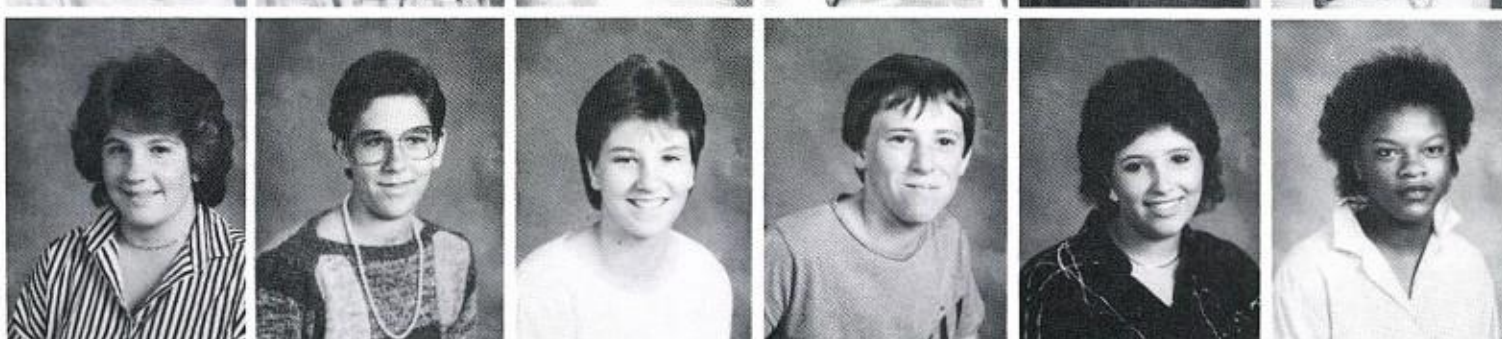
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Scott Flynn
Kimberly Gosnell
Dana Haynes
Robyn Hensley
Tammy Hicks



Bobby Hill
Gretchin Hinson
Tonia Holcombe
Lynn Honeycutt
Kevin Hudson
Michael Hughes



Carmen Jackson
Charlie Jackson
Tina Jackson
Wanda Jackson
Larry Johnson
Donna Jolley



Melissa Kerr
Paula Lanning
Sabrina Laughter
Todd Lawter
Gingi Littlefield
Karen Logan



Louann and Michelle
reach for the mustard.

Andrea and Stephanie
think they're an IT!!

Music is very important to me. A lot of my time is taken up by either practicing or performing. I am a member of the high school chorus where I sing and accompany them. I am also a member of the Rotary Community Chorus, which gives concerts in the spring and at Christmas. This year, we were asked to send a group of 50 to perform our Christmas concert at the Biltmore House in Asheville and I was pleased to be chosen among the 50 out of 107 members. Also, for the past three years, I have attended a music conference in Flat Rock, N.C. where

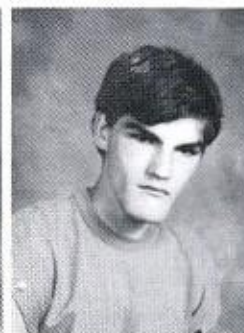
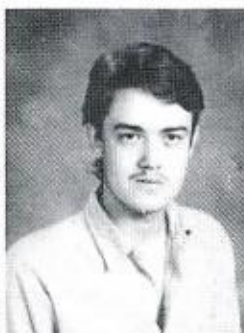
the final concert is professionally taped.

I have been taking piano at Converse College for about two and one-half years. We give two concerts each semester. I have competed for two scholarships and auditioned for an Honors Recital, in which I performed. I really enjoy studying music; I hope to enter the field of music. Studying and practicing involves a lot of time and hard work; however, when I'm on stage performing, it all pays off in the feeling of satisfaction I receive.

Gingi Littlefield



Debbie Martines
Phillip McAbee
Jeff McCraw
Vince McCue
Wendy McDowell
Angela McEntire



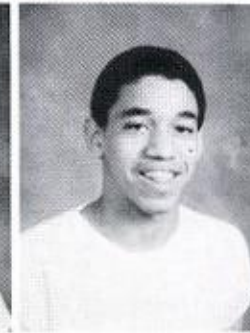
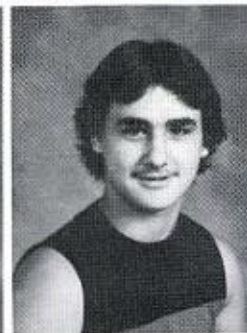
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Randy McGuinn
Ricky McGuinn
Paul McIntyre
Lisa Metcalf
Rhonda Mills



Anita Moss
Ann Nelon
Scott Nelon
Vickie Nix
Angela Pack
Barry Painter



Annette Petty
Bobby Ponder
Michael Potter
Dee Price
Kavin Price
Robert Proctor

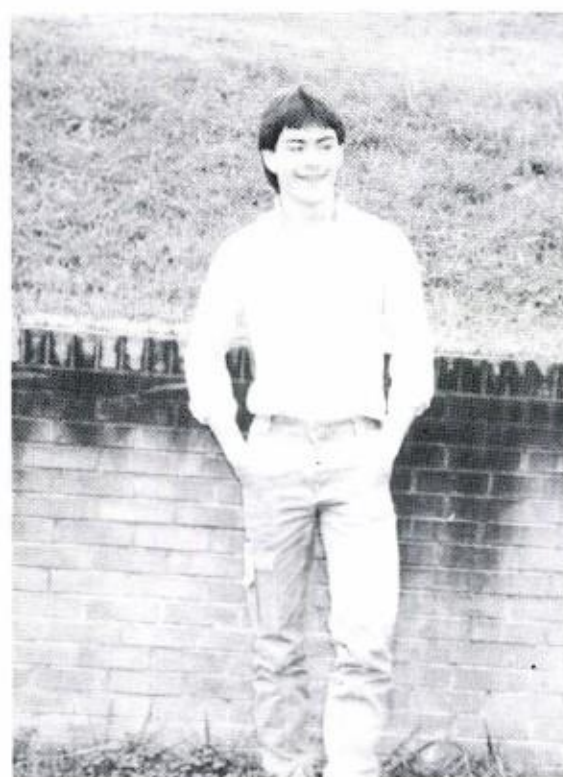




Kelly Raburn
Melissa Ramsey
Troy Richardson
Amanda Ruff
Jeff Ruff
Terry Shields

Lynn Shroyer
Stephanie Skipper
Louann Smith
Karen Splawn
Melinda Splawn
Tracy Splawn

Karen Staley
Darlene Stewart
Lyle Stott
Monica Stott
Emma Tanner
Tana Tapp



Scott Flynn

I have always enjoyed playing basketball. I started playing in Little League in the fourth grade. In 1982 I attended University of South Carolina Basketball Camp. During the time I was there I was taught the fundamentals of basketball and really became interested in the sport. In my 7th grade year, I played for Landrum Jr. High. I started and was the only 7th grader on the team. We were defeated only once. In the 8th grade, I played for Polk Central Jr. High. I was one of the leading scorers in most of the games. I received the Coach's Award for Junior High. As a 9th grader, I was chosen for the varsity team and started in the second half of the season. I was the only freshman to play on the varsity team. From Coach Sheehan I received the Rookie of the Year Award. Now, as a sophomore playing center, I am hoping to have a successful season.

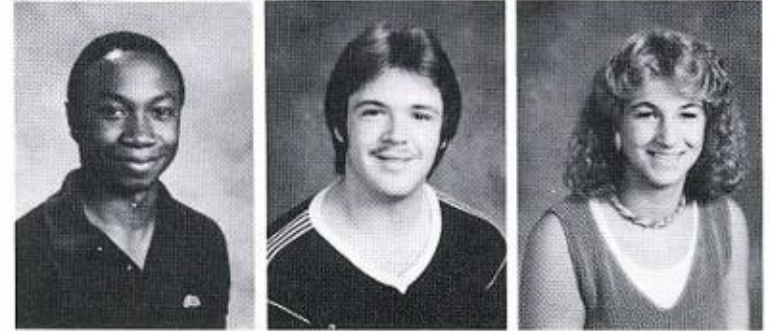


Sophomores—on their way up

Jennifer Tipton
Rickey Twitty
Amy Westbrook
Chris White



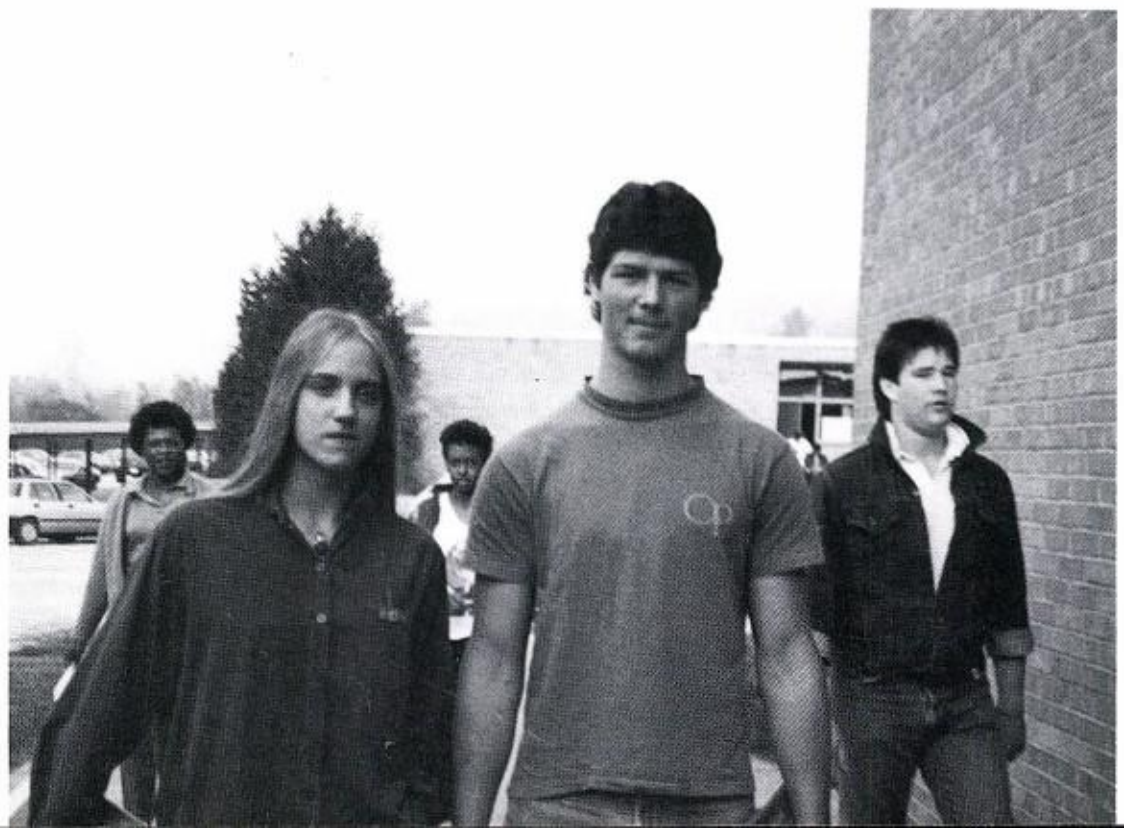
Greg Whitmire
David Williams
Wendi Wolfe



Lisa is "on duty" in the cafeteria!

Mr. Williams adds "fuel" to the bonfire.

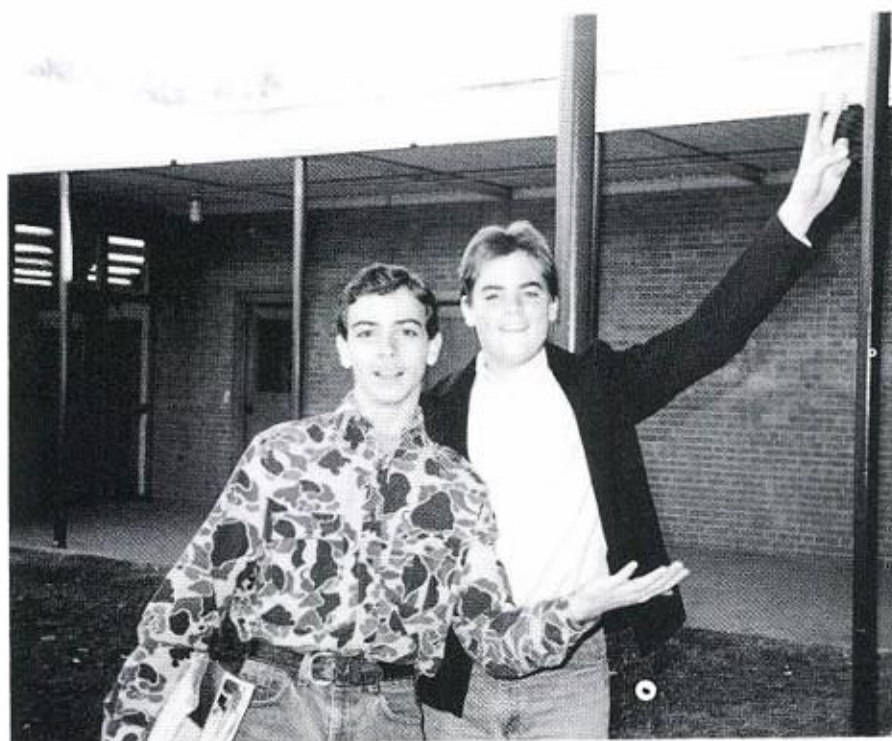
Candy, Johnny and Ricky hurry to class.



AFS student Juan Carlos enjoys conversation with friends during lunch period.



This "IT" must like ice cream.



"Beam me up Scotty!"



Art students Cynthia Searcy, Darren Lynch and Brenda Pack work on their projects.

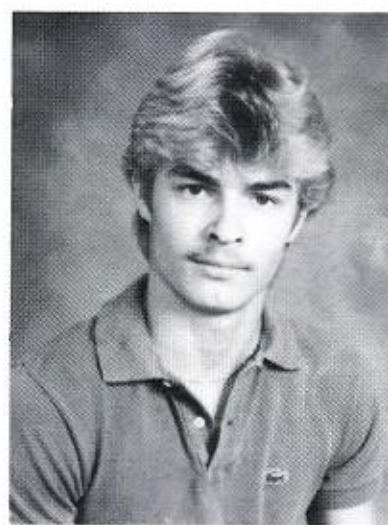
Juniors

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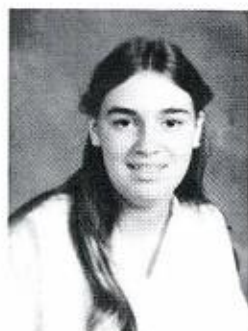
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Junior class officers are: President, Mike Mower; Vice-President, Wanda Carson; Secretary, Kim M. Wilson; and Treasurer, Kimberly A. Wilson.

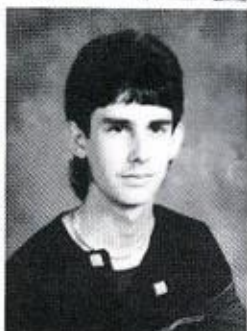
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Tony Barker
Kim Blackwell
Lorrie Blackwell
Sherri Brady
Vickie Brock



Jay Byrd
Ty Cantrell
Morris Carson
Wanda Carson
Kati Chesnutt
Jennifer Conner



Sarah Corley
Dan Corn
Scott Crissone
Amanda Crowe
Sandra Davis
John Dufford



Joey Edney
Angela Edwards
Karen Edwards
Clyde Elliott
John Eubanks
Tracie Foster





I started playing sports when I was nine; I played Little League baseball until I was twelve. Then I started playing softball for the Polk County Recreation Department when I continued until I was fourteen.

In 7th and 8th grade, I played on the Junior High basketball team. In 8th grade I received the MVP award and was named all-conference. I was also a member of the Jr. Beta Club in 7th and 8th grade, serving as treasurer in 8th grade. I was also elected Jr. Miss Polk Central.

In the 9th grade, I played J.V. basketball and received both the MVP award and an All-Conference award. I also played on the varsity softball team during my 9th and 10th year and received an all-conference medal. I also received a plaque for the highest hitting average. I played on my church softball team and was a

member of Interact and FHA.

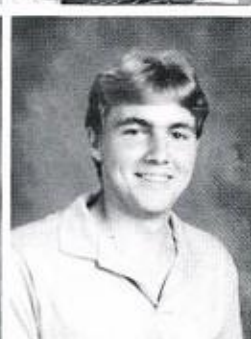
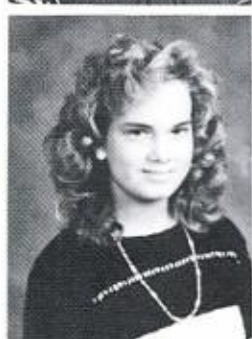
My 10th grade year was especially rewarding for me. I played varsity basketball and varsity softball—for which I received the Most Dedicated Award and an all-conference medal. I also played JV Volleyball and received Co-MVP with Tammy Thompson. I ran track, was a member of Interact, FHA, and Spanish Club. I played softball for my church where I received MVP and also played on the fall league team and played volleyball for the recreation department.

In my remaining years at Polk Central, I hope to achieve higher goals in academics and sports.

Kimberly A. Wilson



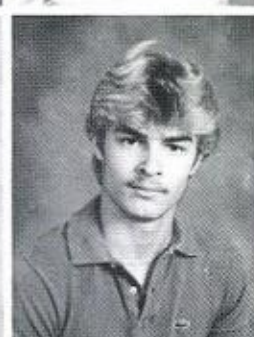
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Patricia Frye
Dawn Gallo
Brian Gilbert
Denise Gilbert
Melvin Godlock



Tena Greene
Candy Halford
Leslie Hardin
Bobby Hensley
Debbie Hicks
Ronald Holcombe



Joyce Howard
Don Jolley
Julie Lanning
Sylina Lynch
Rianne Maddox
Melissa McCraw



Mark Metcalf
Frances Miller
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Frankie Parker
Lisa Phillips
Duane Price

Tim Pruitt
Tania Ralston
Niki Ravan
Stephen Ruff
Pam Searcy
Mark Shehan



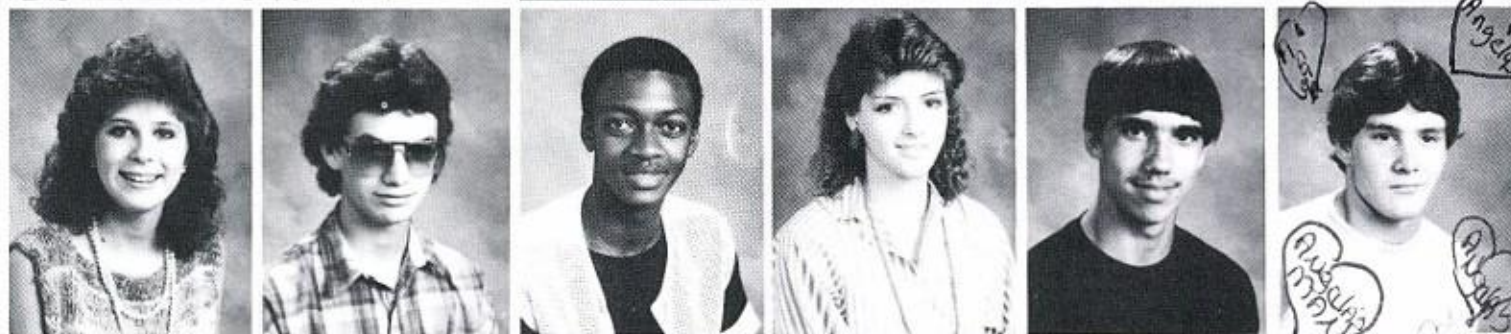
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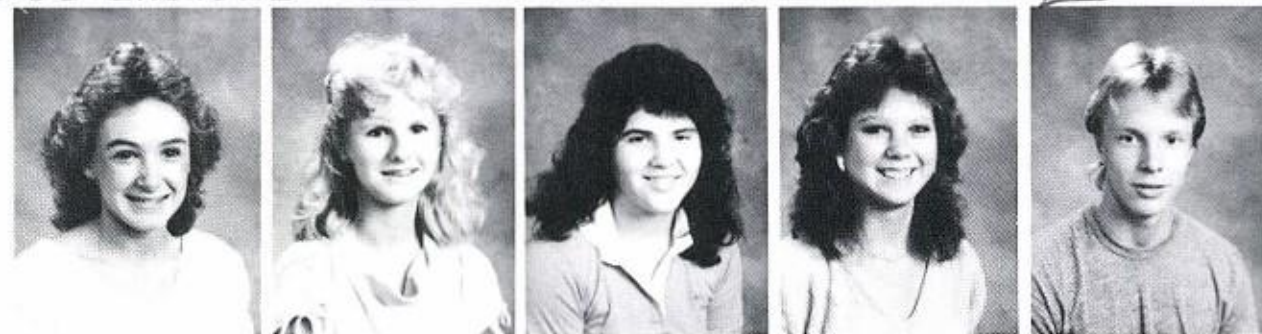
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William Teague
Tammy Thompson
Bonna Tucker
Renay Watkins
Jeff Weaver



Shannon West
Keith White
Ray Wilkins
Janet Williams
Michael Williams
Kevin Wilson



Kimberly Ann Wilson
Kimberly Marie Wilson
Mary Wilson
Teresa Wilson
Michael Womack



Tammy and Vicki congratulate Travis on being the tackiest.





The past four years at Polk Central have been motivating, interesting, and exciting for me. In 7th and 8th grades I was a member of the band, the Jr. Beta Club, and Student Council. In my first two years of high school, I was elected to the homecoming court, played basketball, joined the Young Christians Club, and served on the Student Council.

Although the awards in school—Outstanding 7th grade band student, first place in the Upstairs writing contests, Student of the Month, and serving as Vice-President of the Student Council—are all exciting, the best awards I receive come from singing.

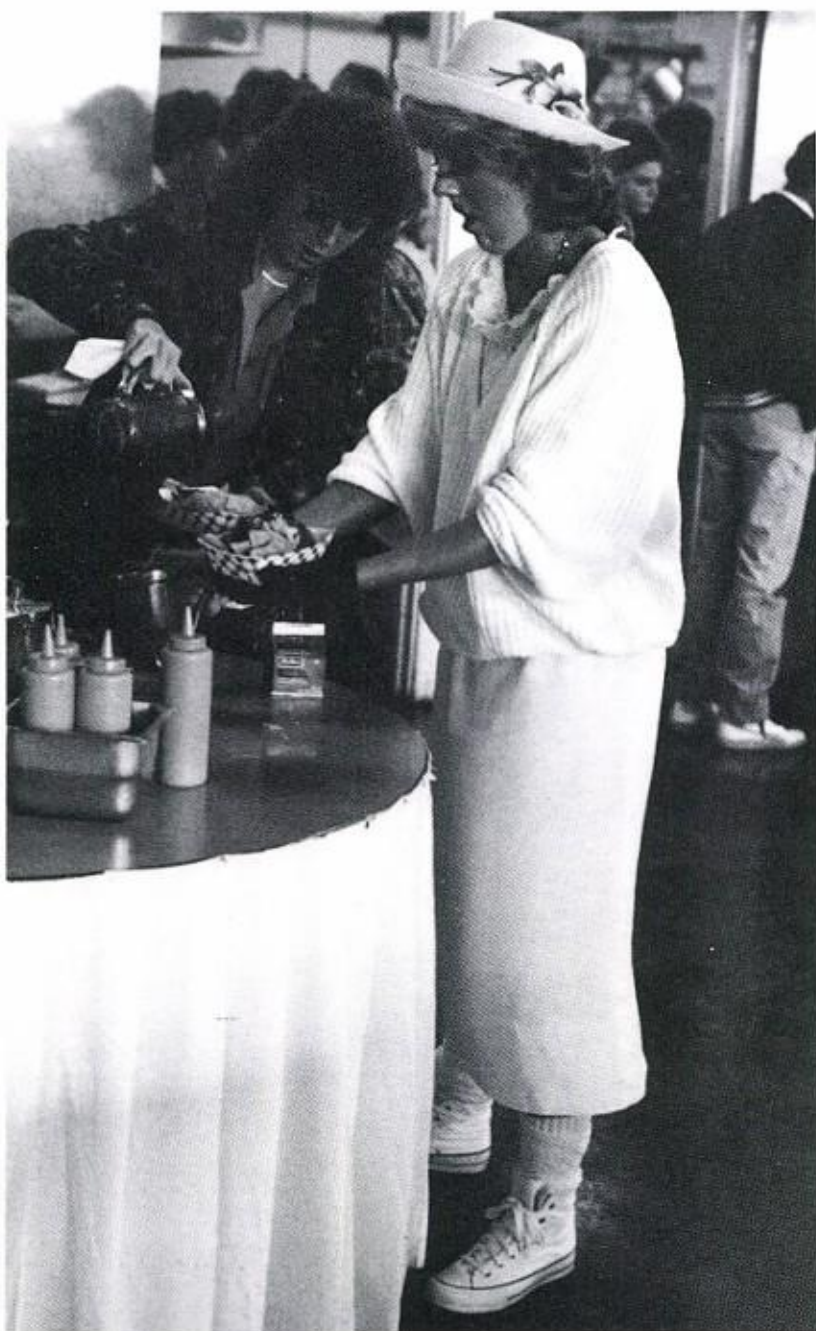
I have been singing since I was almost eight years old. At this time, I began singing with my uncle as a duet. From this arose a little family group called the Soul Conspirators.

A few years after this group dissolved, I joined the Green Creek Community Mass Choir, I am currently singing with the Soul Supremes.

During the eight years I've been singing, I've won talent shows and sang in numerous churches across the land. I really enjoy receiving prizes for singing, but the best reward ever comes from watching the people's facial expressions change from sad to happy as I sing or when a person comes up to me and says, "I really enjoyed hearing you sing. You've made me feel very good."

I can't explain the way I feel when I receive a standing ovation, but to know that someone else appreciates and enjoys the gift that God has blessed me with makes me very happy.

Wanda Carson



"ITS" have to eat lunch too!

These Juniors are really excited about Anatomy?!?

Nearing the goal . . .

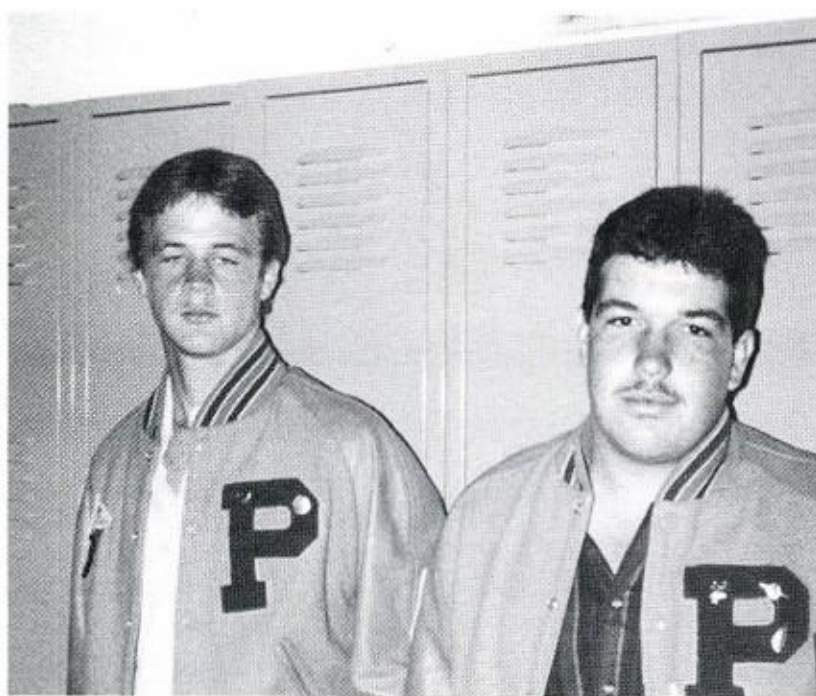
Michael Williams and John Bolt operate the edging machine.

Lorrie gets a free ride!

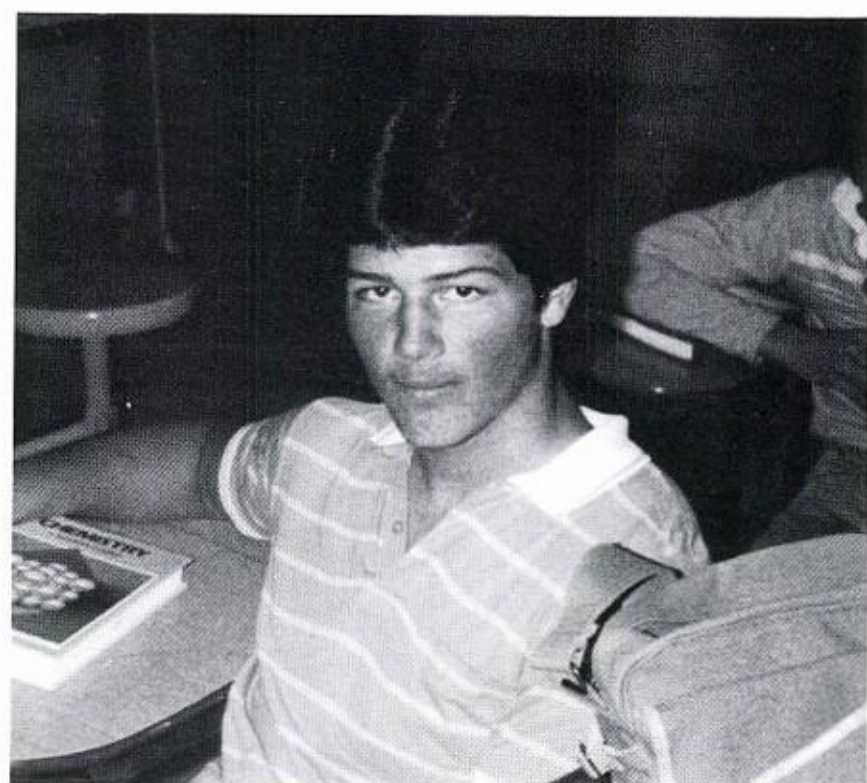


32! Count 'em.

Mary, Pam, Janet and Nancy enjoy a little conversation before the bell.



Ty Cantrell and Jeff Weaver put on a happy face!?!

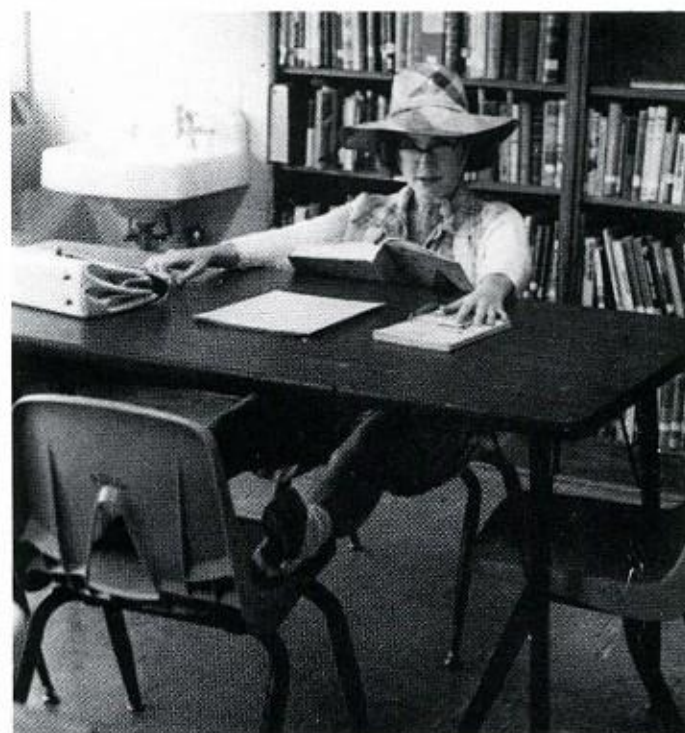


John Eubanks clings to his chemistry book—but his mind seems to be elsewhere.



Karl, Laura G., Lisa and Laura L., reach for the sky.

Tacky Tourist Laura Harrison pretends to study in the library!



Becky, do you think you have enough equipment?!?



Are you two trying to imitate Abraham the fish?!?

Connie, what's that on your lips?!?



Senior Class officers include Gary Nelson, Treasurer; Genie Ruff, Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Vice-President; Amanda Rickman, President.



LISA ABRAMS

ROBBY BARBER: 9: FFA, Dairy Judging, State Tool Judging; 10: FFA, Reporter, Dairy Judging; 11: FFA; Vice Pres.; Participated in Land Judging at Federation, State and National levels; 12: FFA, Dairy and Land Judging, Homeroom Rep.

LISA BARNETTE: 9: Band, Interact, Jr. All-State Band; 10: Band Staff, Asst. Merit-Demerit, All-State Band, Interact, Wrestling Mgr.; 11: Band Staff, Asst. Drum Major, Beta Club, Interact, Spanish Club, Tri-M, Music Honor Society, "Who's Who Among American High School Students", Jr. Marshal, Varsity Cheerleader, Top 5 Honoree; 12: Band, Drum Major, Beta Club, Vice Pres.; Spanish Club, Interact, Miss P.C. Candidate.

REBECCA BELL: 9: Chorus, Vice Pres.; Interact, Student Council, Homeroom Rep.; Softball, 1st Place Typing I Award, J.V. Volleyball; Most Improved Chorus; 10: Chorus, Vice Pres.; Lead In "Annie Get Your Gun", J.V. Volleyball, Interact, Student Council, Homeroom Rep., Softball, "Best All-Around, Chorus"; 11: Chorus, Softball, Student Council, Germany Abroad nominee, Spanish Club, Interact; 12: YCC, Chorus, Miss P.C. Candidate, Softball.

LISA BIVENS: 9: FFA; 10: FFA 11: FFA, Sec.; 12: FFA, Interact, Spanish Club.

ROBBY BLACKWELL

LARRY BOHANON

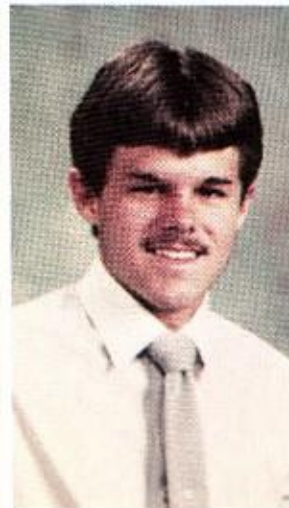
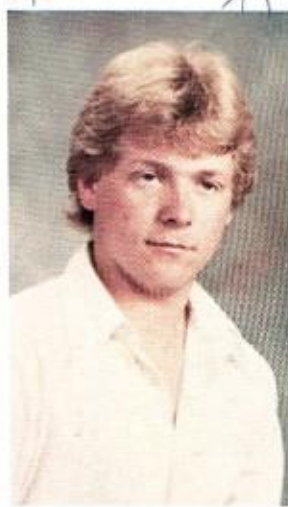
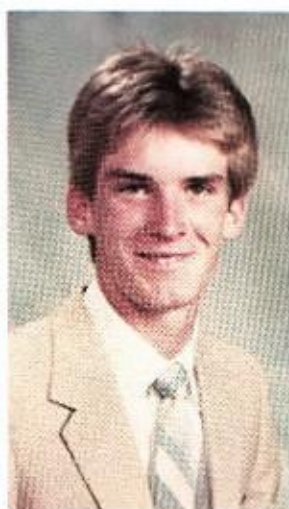
JOHNNY BOLT

TAMMY BRADLEY: 9: YCC, Perfect Attendance; 10: YCC, Perfect Attendance; 11: Perfect Attendance; 12: YCC.

CHUCKIE BROWN: 9: FFA; 10: FFA, Vica; 12: FFA, Vica.

ALLAN CANTRELL: 9: Band; 10: Band, Vica; 11: Band, Vica; 12: Vica, Pres.

SCOTTY CATES: 9: FFA; 10: FFA; 11: FFA; 12: FFA.





MELISSA CHAMPION: 10: FHA, FBLA; 11: FBLA, FHA, Art Club; 12: Homecoming Attendant, FHA, Art Club.

TONDA CHAMPION: 9: Band, Chorus; 10: Band, YCC; 11: Band, Flag Co-Captain, YCC, FHA.

LISA CONNER: 9: Chorus; 10: Chorus; 11: Chorus.

SHERRY CONNER: 9: Chorus; 10: Chorus; 11: Chorus; 12: Art Club.

LINDA CUNNINGHAM: 11: Interact, Band, All-State Band; 12: Interact; Band, Uniform Officer.

RENNY DEDMONDT: 9: Interact, Football; 10: Interact, AFS Brother; 11: AFS Exchange Student to Portugal; 12: Interact.

DONNA DIMSDALE: 9: Band, Outstanding Freshman; All-State Band, Interact, Pres. of Freshman Class; 10: Volleyball, Softball, Band, Outstanding Sophomore, All-State Band, Pres. of Sophomore Class, Interact, World History Award; 11: Volleyball, Band, All-State Band, Spanish Club; Pres., Beta Club, Treasurer of Tri-M, Jr. Class Pres.; Jr. Marshal—Co-Chief, Governor's School, U.S. History Award, Bus Driver, Carolina Book Award; 12: Band Captain, Beta Club, Pres; Bus Driver, Miss P.C., Interact, Tri-M Club, Morehead Nominee.

DARRELL DODD: 9: Basketball, Mgr.; 10: Football, Basketball, Mgr.; 11: Basketball, Mgr.; 12: FHA, Basketball.

VIRGINIA DYER: 9: YCC, Band, FHA; 10: YCC, Band, FHA; 11: YCC, Band, Asst. Uniform Officer, FHA; 12: YCC, FHA, Yearbook Editor.

BETTY ELDER: 9: Chorus; 10: Chorus; 11: Chorus.

JUDY FOWLER

BRENDA GIBBS: 9: Interact, YCC, FHA; 10: Photography, Pres.; Homeroom Rep. FHA, Reporter, Interact, 11: Jr. Marshal Co-Chief, Interact, Sr. Beta Club, Typing Award 1st Place, Spanish II Award, Carolina Book Award; 12: Beta Club, Interact, Yearbook Staff.

JEFF GIBBS: 9: Interact; 10: Baseball, Interact; 11: Baseball, Beta Club, Spanish Club; 12: Football, Wrestling, Baseball, Interact, Beta Club.

LAURA GILLIE: 9: Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Homecoming Attendant, Tennis; 10: Basketball, Volleyball, M.V.P.; 11: Basketball, Volleyball, All-Conference; 12: Basketball, Volleyball, Interact, Softball.

PATRICIA GILMORE: 9: Band; 10: Band, Chess Club; 11: Spanish Club.

CHARLES GOSNELL: 9: Football, FFA; 10: Football, FFA, Auto VICA; 11: Football, FFA, Auto VICA; 12: Football, FFA, Auto VICA, Bus Driver.

The Best Moves On . . .

Seniors Choose Their Favorites

Best Personality—Lisa Wilson and Darren Lynch

Most Athletic—Laura Gillie and Jeff Shehan



Sweetest—Genie Ruff and Tim Lanning



Most Typical Teens—Cindy White and Michael Mathis



Class Clowns—Kimberly Lynch and Byron Naff

Most Dependable—Donna Dimsdale, Brenda Gibbs and Jeff Gibbs



Most Talented—Becky Bell and Pat Whitmire



Best All Around—Amanda Rickman and Gary Nelson

Most School Spirit—Connie McCall and Darrell Taylor

Biggest Flirts—Melissa Champion and Mark Jackson

Most Talkative—Angie Miller and Karl Kropp



MITCHELL HALFORD: 9: Chorus; 10: Chorus, Acting, Rotary; 11: Baseball, Mgr., Chorus, Rotary; 12: Football, Mgr.; Baseball, Mgr.; Homeroom Rep., Rotary.

LAURA HARRISON: 9: Interact, Typing I Award, Band, All-State Band; 10: Interact, Band Staff, All-State Band, Top 5 Honoree; 11: Interact, Beta Club, Spanish Club, Band Staff, NC Math Contest, Top 5 Honoree, Governor's School, Jr. Marshal, Tennis, Tri-M Music Honor Society; 12: Interact, Beta, Spanish Club, Band Staff.

STEVEN HAYNES: 9: FFA; 10: FFA; 11: FFA; 12: FFA.

REECE HILL: 10: Football.

TERESA HILL: 9: Band, FHA; 10: Band; 11: Band; 12: FHA, Spanish Club, YCC, Track, Basketball.

MARK JACKSON: 9: J.V. Football and Basketball; 10: J.V. Football and Basketball; 11: Varsity Football and Basketball, Key Club, Spanish Club; 12: Varsity Football, Basketball and Baseball, Spanish Club, Key Club.

THOMAS JACKSON

VINCENT JACKSON: 9: Basketball; 10: Football, Basketball, Track; 11: Football, Basketball, Track, All-Conference; 12: Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track.

CHRIS JOLLEY: 9: Band, Football; 10: FFA; 11: FFA, VICA; 12: VICA.

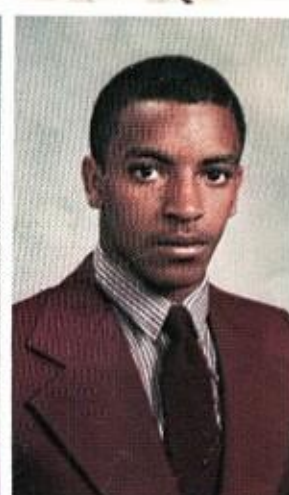
KARL KROPP: 10: Soccer, Baseball; 11: Baseball; 12: Baseball.

TIM LANNING: 12: Science Club, Interact, Baseball.

LAURA LINDSEY: 9: Band; 10: Student Gov., Newspaper, Adv. Editor, French Club, Red Cross Club; 11: Newspaper, Adv. Editor; 12: Sr. YCC.

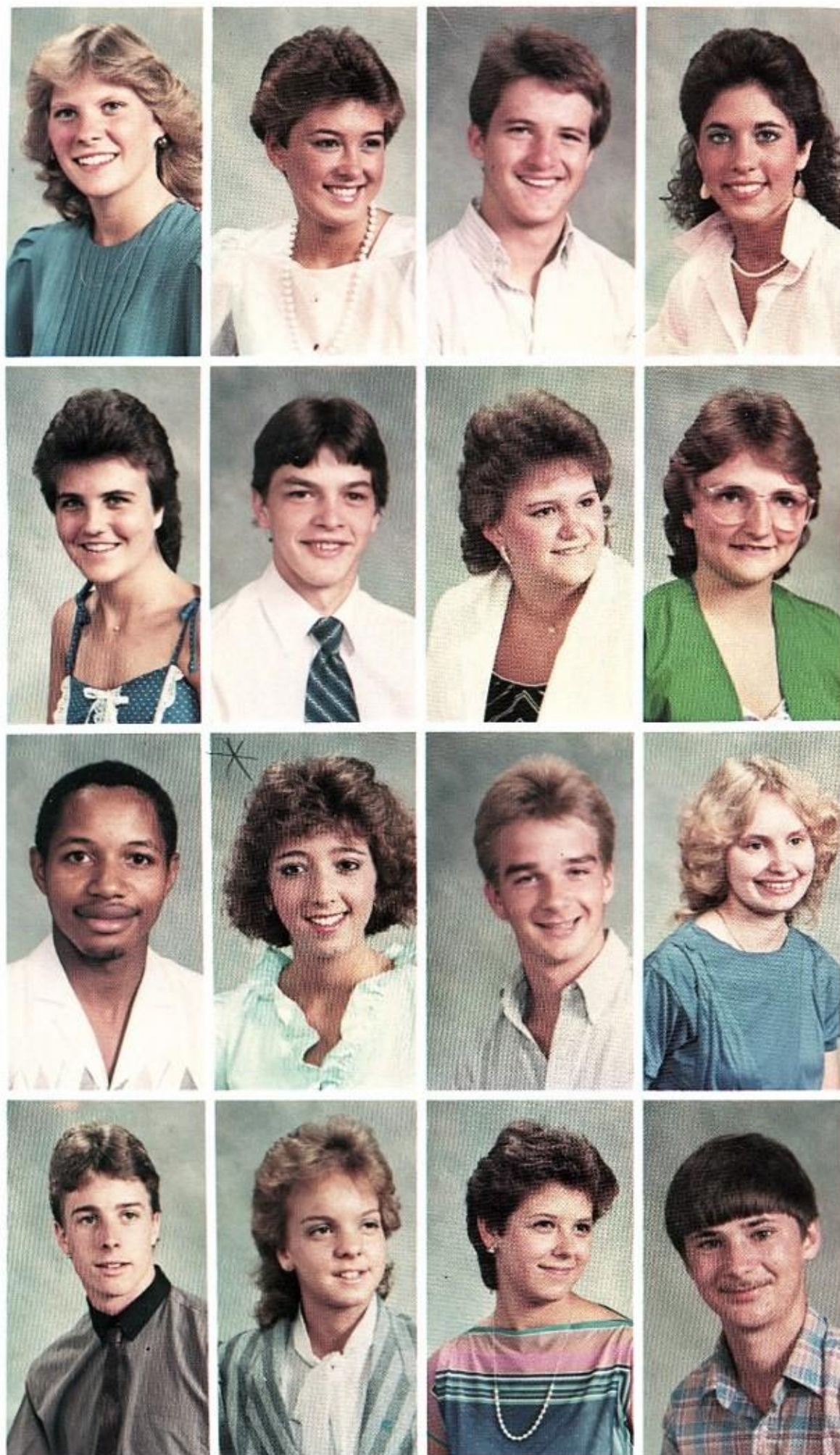
JUAN CARLOS LOZADA: 12: Football, Interact, AFS Student from Peru.

DARREN LYNCH: 9: Varsity Football, Interact; 10: Interact; 11: Key Club, Interact, Art Club; 12: Key Club, Interact, Art Club, Photography



Drum Major Lisa Barnette directs the band on the field at homecoming.

Get Down Home!



KIMBERLY LYNCH: 9: Band; 10: J.V. Cheerleader, Band, Colorguard; 11: Varsity Cheerleader, Band Officer, Colorguard, Spanish Club, "Who's Who Among American High School Students"; 12: Varsity Cheerleader, FHA, Spanish Club, Interact, YCC.

AMANDA MACE: 9: Band; 10: Band; 11: Band, Student of the Month.

MICHAEL MATHIS: 10: Baseball, Most Improved; 11: Wrestling, Baseball, Key Club; 12: Football, Wrestling, Baseball, Track, Key Club.

CONNIE McCALL: 9: J.V. Cheerleader, Interact, Tennis, Student Council; 10: J.V. Cheerleader, Capt.; Interact, Yearbook; 11: Varsity Cheerleader, Capt.; Interact, Spanish Club; 12: Interact, Science Club, Student Council.

WANDA McDADE: 10: FFA, Industrial Arts; 11: Vocational Honor Roll, FFA; 12: FFA.

ALVIN McDOWELL: 9: FFA; 10: FFA; 11: FFA, Student Council; 12: FFA.

ANDREA McENTIRE: 9: Chorus, Sec.; Softball, Mgr. 10: Chorus, Musical, Annie Get Your Gun; 11: Chorus, Spanish Club; 12: Chorus, YCC, Interact, Art Club, Stats Keeper for varsity football.

LISA McFALLS: 9: Interact, FHA; 10: Interact, FHA; 11: Interact, FHA, Spanish Club; 12: Varsity Cheerleader, FHA, Sec.; Interact.

STEVE McINTYRE: 9: Band, YCC; 12: VICA.

ANGIE MILLER: 9: FHA; 10: J.V. Cheerleader, Student Council, YCC, Class Sec. Treas.; FHA; 11: YCC, Vice Pres.; FHA, J.V. Cheerleader, Co-Capt.; Home-room Rep., Spanish Club, Homecoming Attendant, 12: FHA, Pres.; YCC, Science Club, Cheerleader, Interact.

BYRON NAFF: 9: YCC, J.V. Basketball, Mgr.; 10: Interact, J.V. Basketball, Mgr.; FBLA; 11: Interact, J.V. Basketball, Mgr.; Spanish Club, Pres.; 12: Baseball.

ANGELA NELON: 11: FHA, Interact.

GARY NELON: 9: Football, Interact; 10: Football, Interact, Math Contest; 11: Football, Beta Club, Spanish Club, Interact, Math Contest, Jr. Marshal; 12: Football, Interact, Beta Club, Senior Class Treas.

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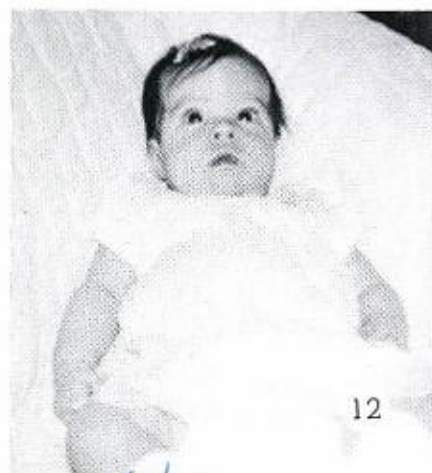
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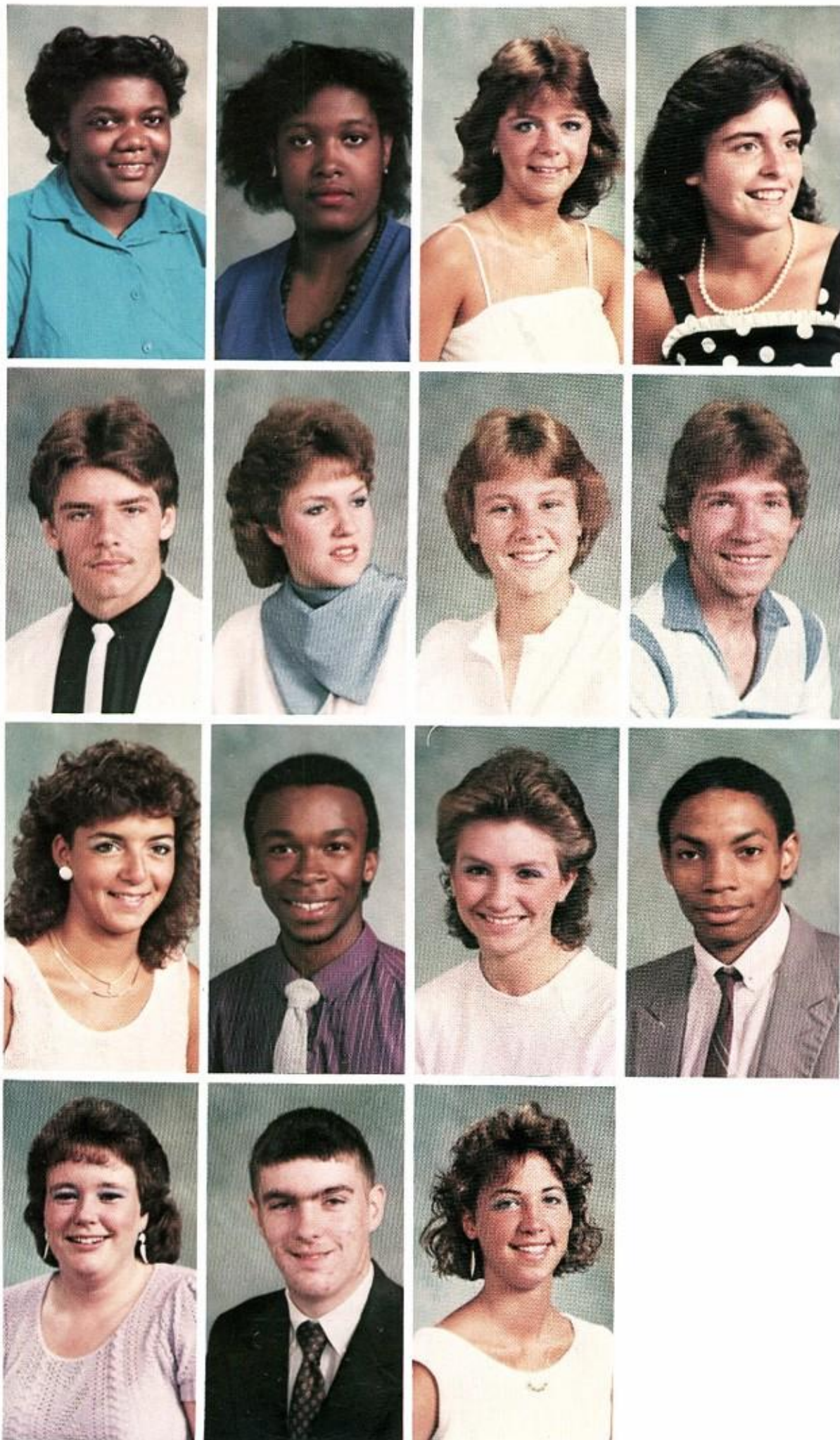
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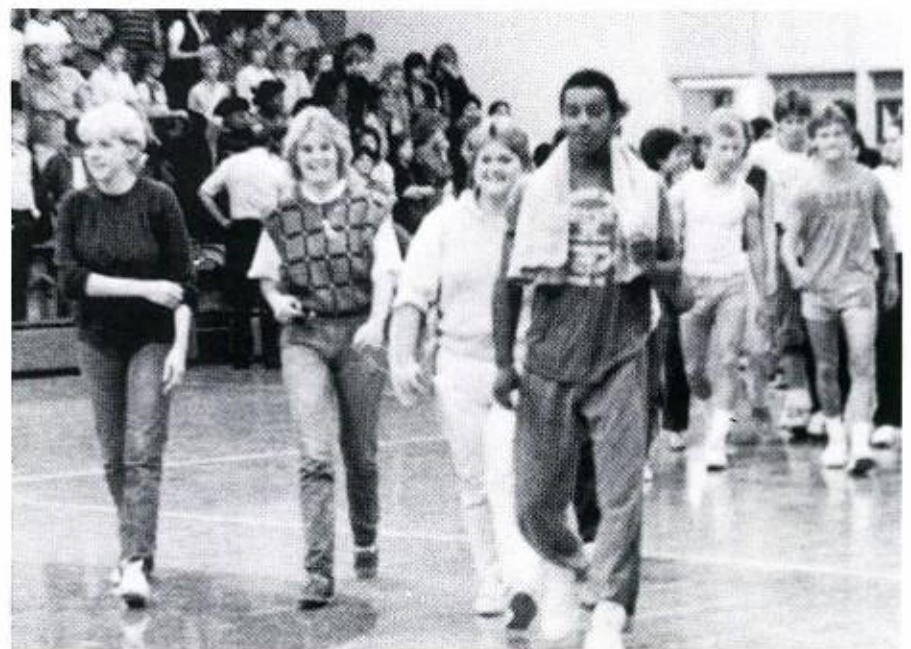
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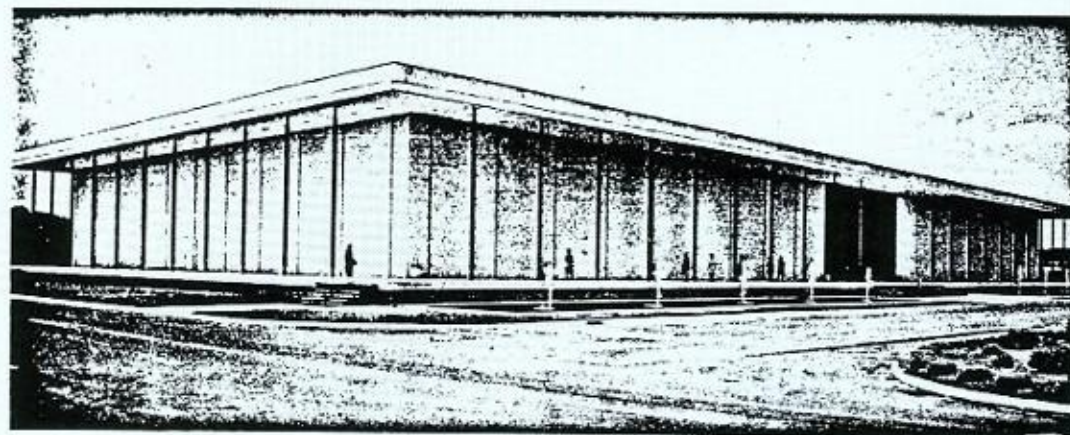
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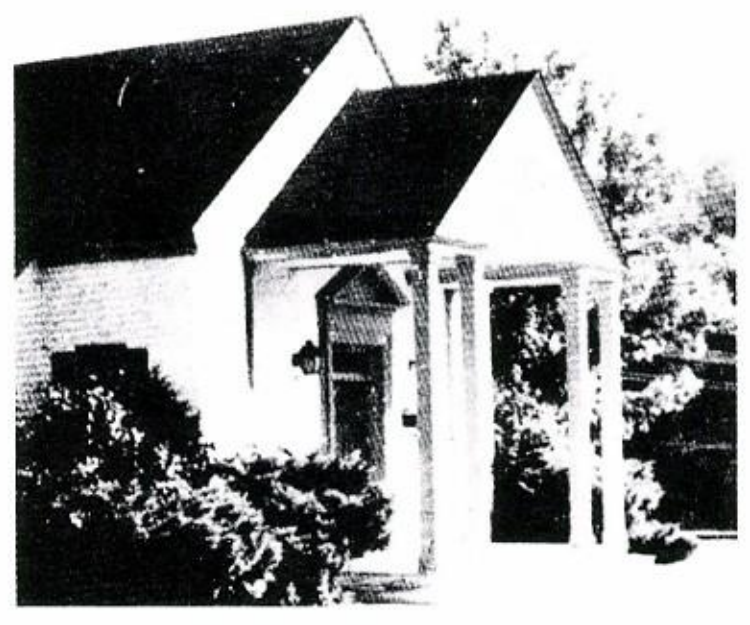
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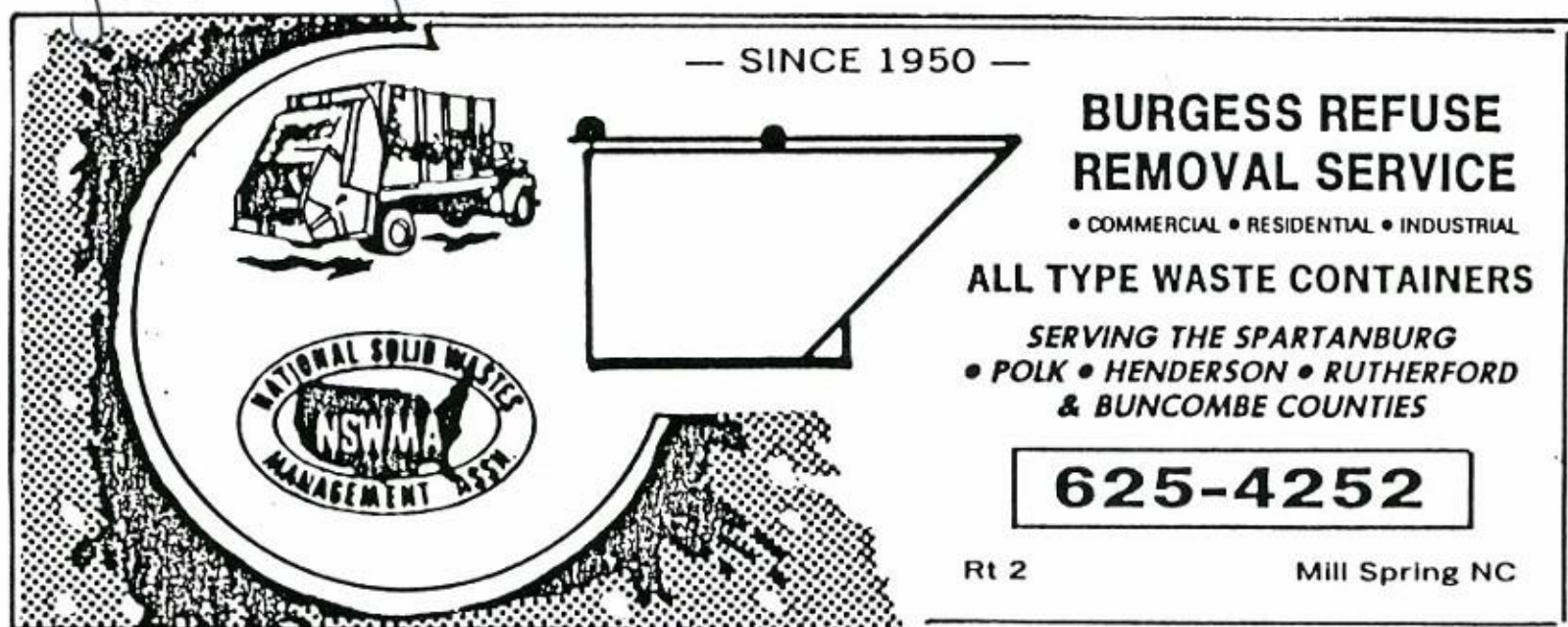


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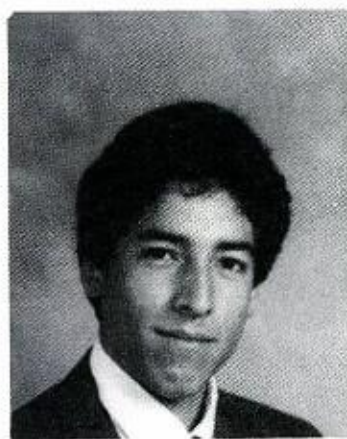
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Michelle,
 Hey dude. Well its
 been great. I don't know
 you very well, but what
 I know of you, you're alright.
 I'll miss ya next year.
 Take care!
 Love ya!
Jauna

Michelle,
 You've been a good
 friend to me. RHT
 maybe I'll see you this
 summer at the pool.
 Love ya!
 Donna
 Dawson

The best belong together

The student body enjoys togetherness at the senior's Christmas program.



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Loyalty to thee.
In hills of Carolina
Lie our memories.
As we in pride
Lift our praises to the sky
Alma Mater, ever onward,
Keep thy banner high!

To A good Looking Friend

Love
Keith
Nelson

Reserved For Amy Pack

It's been great
being your
friend!

Holly

Michelle,
It's been nice
knowing you all these years!
I hope we can still be friends,
have a nice summer! Good luck with
the boys! See ya next year.

WPA
C



Michelle,
I thought we
would never get to P.C.
I love it, I hope
you do. We've
come along ways
they say it will seem
like no time at all and well
be seniors. I think about going
through High School. It will be
fun. I can't wait. ~~again~~
a good friend, thanks.
Love ya,
Adrian

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my god!
Gravity check
That's what it's all about
Still waiting
7/7 Miss
the summer!

The STD AT
LARGE Charlie J.

To Michelle,
great knowing you. I enjoyed
working with in cheerleading. Hope we make
it again. See you

Your Friend
Amanda

Michelle
It has been
great have you
as a friend
all through.
Elmertray and the
one year we have
been here.
Love
Daisy

It has
been fun
cheering with
you!

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it has been
nice knowing
you and a nice
friend Your friend
and mine

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P.S. I wrote this
on the bus



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